



Louisiana Department of Public Safety  
Office of Motor Vehicles  
**Policy 40.00 Purple Heart Recipient License Plate**

**Section:** 5. Motor Vehicle License Plate Classifications & Requirements

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To view Special Plates: [www.Expresslane.org](http://www.Expresslane.org)

**Authority:**

[R.S. 47:462](#)

[R.S. 47:490.18](#)

To view Louisiana Revised Statutes: <http://www.legis.la.us>

**General**

- The Purple Heart Recipient license plates are issued for private passenger automobiles/vans, private use trucks up to 16,000 lbs., private buses, and motorcycles.

**Eligibility:**

- Any recipient of the Purple Heart is eligible for this type plate. A plate may be issued for **each** vehicle registered in the recipient's name.
- The surviving spouse of a Purple Heart license plate holder may retain the plate, as long as the surviving spouse is not remarried.
  - If the Purple Heart recipient holds more than one plate at the time the Purple Heart recipient dies, the surviving spouse may determine which special license plates he/she wishes to retain.
- The plate must be returned to Office of Motor Vehicles in the event of the death or remarriage of the spouse.

**Required Documentation:**

- A copy of the registration certificate of the vehicle on which the plate will be placed.
  - If the vehicle is not registered in the applicant's name, all [necessary documentation](#).
- Photocopy of a DD214 form or any other military document that indicates the applicant was issued a Purple Heart.

**Fees:**

- This is a free, lifetime plate.
- \$10.00 - Replacement fee for a lost or stolen plate
- \$8.00 - Handling fee (due on all transactions)
- \$3.00 - Transfer the plate to another vehicle

**Notes:**

- Credit will not be allowed when the special plate is issued, since the plate is free.
- Based on availability, plates may be issued through any Motor Vehicle field office or public tag agent location.

**Related Policies:**

Section 4, Policy 2.00, [Basic Requirements for Obtaining a Certificate of Title](#)

Section 4, Policy 69.00, [Fees](#)