



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: <http://omv.dps.state.la.us/>

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

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

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

General

- The license plates are issued for private passenger automobiles/vans, private use trucks up to 16,000 lbs., private buses, and motorcycles. Any applicant that qualifies for the special license plate may be issued a special plate for each vehicle registered in the applicant's name.

Eligibility:

- Any recipient of the Purple Heart is eligible for this type plate.
- The surviving spouse of a Purple Heart license plate holder may retain the plate provided the surviving spouse is not remarried.
- The plate must be returned to the Department in the event of the death or remarriage of the spouse. 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.

Requirements:

- To apply for a Purple Heart license plate, the applicant must submit the following items:
 - 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 required for titling the vehicle must be submitted along with the request for the Purple Heart license plate.
 - Photocopy of a DD214 form or any other military document which indicates the applicant was issued a Purple Heart.

Fees:

- This is a free, lifetime plate.
- \$10.00 - replacement fee due for a lost or stolen plate.
- \$8.00 - handling fee due on all transactions except renewals.
- \$3.00 - to transfer the plate to another vehicle.

Notes:

- Credit will not be allowed when the special plate is issued because it is a free plate.
- All requests for initial issuance of the special plate must be mailed to the Specialized Vehicle Unit, Headquarters, P.O. Box 64886, Baton Rouge, La. 70896. Transfers can be processed at any motor vehicle office or public tag agent.