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

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