Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 39.00 Vietnam Veteran License Plates

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. 47:490.13
To view Louisiana Statutes: http://www.legis.state.la.us/

General:
- Vietnam Veteran license plates that bear the name of the appropriate branch of the armed service may be issued to any veteran or retired veteran of the armed forces of the United States who served in the Vietnamese Conflict.[1]
- The plates are issued to private passenger automobiles, vans, private trucks (up to 16,000 lbs.), motorcycles, and motor homes.[1]
- Credit will not be allowed for a valid plate currently on the vehicle when the special plate is issued, due to the plate being a free plate.
- Plates may be transferred from one vehicle in applicant's name to another vehicle in applicant's name, but cannot be transferred between owners.

Requirements:
- **Proof of Service**
  - Photocopy of discharge certificate *DD214* indicating an Honorable, Under Honorable Conditions, or a General Under Honorable Conditions discharge and **one** of the following:
    - The applicant served during the timeframe of the Vietnam War
    - The applicant received a Vietnam Service Medal (VSM) or Vietnam Service Ribbon (VSR)
  - Copy of the active duty retirement orders indicating one of the following:
    - The applicant served during the timeframe of the Vietnam War
    - The applicant received a Vietnam Service Medal (VSM) or Vietnam Service Ribbon (VSR)
- A photocopy of the registration certificate of the vehicle on which the plate will be placed if the vehicle is currently registered.
  - If the vehicle is not registered in the applicant's name, all necessary documentation required for titling of the vehicle must be submitted along with the request.

- To apply for a special plate, you may do one of the following:
    - Apply through the Specialized Vehicle Unit (P.O. Box 64886, Baton Rouge, LA 70896) for immediate issuance.
    - Apply at any Office of Motor Vehicles or Public Tag Agency location. Immediate issuance is based on availability at that office.
    - View and order specialty license plate on Expresslane.org. Specialty plate will be mailed once the application is received and processed by the Office of Motor Vehicles.

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
- $3.00 - Transfer of the plate to another vehicle

References:

[1] – Louisiana State Legislature. *Military Honor License Plates for Veterans of the Vietnamese Conflict* (R.S. 47:490.13), retrieved from http://www.legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=321799.