Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Emergency Responder Specialty License Plates

Section: 5. Motor Vehicle License Plate Classification and Requirements

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Purpose

This policy describes requirements for firefighter specialty license plates (volunteer, professional, retired, International Association of Firefighters), law officer specialty license plates (commissioned police officer, retried law officer, Fraternal Order of Police), and Emergency Medical Technician specialty license plates.

General

- To apply for any emergency responder 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 Motor Vehicle office or Public Tag Agency. 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.
- License plate renewal transactions may be processed:
  - By any Motor Vehicle office or Public Tag Agency
  - On Expresslane.org
  - By mail, with a renewal invitation
- A plate may be transferred from one vehicle in the applicant's name to another vehicle in the applicant's name, but cannot be transferred between owners.
  - Application for transfer can be processed at any Motor Vehicle office or Public Tag Agency.

Required Documentation

- **One** of the following is required for any emergency responder specialty license plate:
  - A photocopy of the registration certificate of the vehicle on which the plate will be placed if the vehicle is currently registered
  - All necessary documentation required for titling of the vehicle must be submitted along with the request for the plate, if the vehicle is not registered in the applicant's name
- Additional requirements are outlined under each plate listed below.

Fees

- Regular registration fees and applicable royalty fees (see charts below)
- $8.00 handling fee due on all transactions except renewals
- $3.50 administrative handling fee due only on initial issuance
- $3.00 fee to transfer the plate to another vehicle in the applicant's name

Firefighter Specialty License Plates

Authority:
R.S. 47:462
R.S. 47:463.6
R.S. 47:463.30
R.S. 47:463.23
R.S. 47:463.219
To view Louisiana Statutes: https://legis.la.gov/legis/home.aspx



Requirements:

Type of Plate	Eligibility	Required Documentation	Notes
Volunteer Firefighter	Any active firefighter of a volunteer fire department.	A statement from the applicant's fire chief attesting to his status as an active firefighter of a volunteer fire department, due at initial issuance and renewal.	The plate must be surrendered upon termination of service as a volunteer firefighter.
Professional Firefighter	Any active full-time professional firefighter.	A statement from the fire chief attesting to the applicant's status as an active full-time professional firefighter, due at initial issuance and renewal.	The plate must be surrendered upon termination of service as a professional firefighter.
Retired Firefighter	Any retired firefighter.	A statement from the retirement system attesting to the applicant's eligibility, due at initial issuance only.	
International Association of Firefighters	Any Louisiana certified member of the International Association of Firefighters.	A statement of good standing from the President of the Professional Firefighters Association of Louisiana, due at initial issuance and renewal.	The plate must be surrendered upon termination of service from the Professional Firefighters of Louisiana

Fees:

Firefighter Plates with a $25.00 One-Time Fee
VF - Volunteer Firefighter
PF - Professional Firefighter
MP – Professional Firefighter (Motorcycle)
FM - Retired Firefighter
RP – Retired Firefighter (Motorcycle)

Firefighter Plates with a $25.00 Annual Fee
FF - International Association of Firefighters

Law Officer Specialty License Plates

Authority:
R.S. 47:462
R.S. 47:463.111
R.S. 47:463.24
R.S. 47:463.81
To view Louisiana Statutes: https://legis.la.gov/legis/home.aspx







Requirements:

Type of Plate	Eligibility	Required Documentation	Notes
Commissioned Police Officer	Applicant must hold an active commission in a law enforcement agency.	A statement on letterhead from the chief official of the employing law enforcement agency at the time of application and has held such commission for at least two years & proof of P.O.S.T. completion, due at initial issuance and renewal.	The plate must be surrendered upon termination or resignation from being a commissioned police officer.
Retired Law Officer	Any person who was employed as a law officer for twelve (12) years or more	Proof that the applicant was employed as a law enforcement officer for twelve (12) years and a notarized affidavit must be submitted stating the applicant's place of employment and statements attesting that they were not discharged for misconduct relating to his employment & has not been convicted of any felony, due at initial issuance and renewal	
Fraternal Order of Police	Active members of the Fraternal Order of Police	A letter signed by an authorized agent or officer attesting that the applicant is eligible to purchase the license plate, due at initial issuance and renewal.	

Fees:

Law Officer Plates with a $25.00 Annual Fee
LO – Commissioned Police Officer

Law Officer Plates with a $25.00 One-Time Fee
RL – Retired Law Officer
RO – Retired Law Officer (Motorcycle)

Law Officer Plates with a $12.50 Annual Fee
FP – Fraternal Order of Police
FB – Fraternal Order of Police (Motorcycle)

Emergency Medical Technician Specialty License Plates

Authority:
R.S. 47:462
R.S. 47:463.48
To view Louisiana Statutes: https://legis.la.gov/legis/home.aspx



Requirements

Type of Plate	Eligibility	Required Documentation	Notes
Emergency Medical Technician	Any citizen of Louisiana who is a certified emergency medical technician	Proof of certification as an emergency medical technician, due at initial issuance and renewal.	The plate must be surrendered upon termination or resignation from being an emergency medical technician.

Fees:

Emergency Medical Technician Plates with a $25.00 Annual Fee
EM – Emergency Medical Technician