



Louisiana Department of Public Safety  
Office of Motor Vehicles  
**Policy 30.01 Merchant Marine Veteran License Plates**

**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. 47:490.15](#)

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

**General:**

- State law provides for the issuance of Merchant Marine Veteran license plates. These plates are issued to private passenger automobiles, vans, private trucks up to 10,000 lbs., and private buses. These plates will not indicate "RETIRED."

**Eligibility:**

- Any veteran of the United States Merchant Marine is eligible for this type plate.

**Requirements:**

- A form DD214 or certificate issued pursuant to Public Law 87, 78th Congress, for the purpose of establishing re-employment rights.
- A photocopy of the registration certificate of the vehicle on which the plate will be placed if the vehicle is currently registered. OR
- If the vehicle is not registered in the applicant's name, then all necessary documentation required for titling of the vehicle must be submitted.

**Fees:**

- Regular registration and renewal fees apply.
- \$8.00 - handling fee due on all transactions except renewals.
- \$3.00 - to transfer the plate to another vehicle in the applicant's name.

**Notes:**

- Plates are available for immediate issuance through the Specialized Vehicle Unit.
- Plates may be transferred from one vehicle in applicant's name to another vehicle in applicant's name, but cannot be transferred between owners.
- Initial requests must be mailed to the Office of Motor Vehicles, Specialized Vehicle Unit, P.O. Box 64886, Baton Rouge, LA 70896. All other transactions can be processed by any motor vehicle office or public tag agent.