Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 30.00 U.S. Veteran and Retired Veteran License Plates

Section: 5. Motor Vehicle License Plate Classifications & Requirements

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To view Special Plates: www.Expresslane.org

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R.S. 47:462
R.S. 47:490.7
To view Louisiana Statutes: http://www.legis.state.la.us/

General:
- State law provides for the issuance of U. S. Veteran and Retired Veteran license plates. These plates shall bear the name of the appropriate branch of the armed services. The plates are issued to private passenger automobiles, vans, private trucks up to 16,000 pounds, private buses, and motorcycles.

Eligibility:
- Any veteran or retired veteran of a branch of the United States Armed Forces who has received an Honorable, Under Honorable Conditions, or a General Under Honorable Conditions discharge is eligible for this type of plate. This does not include those who served or have retired from the Reserve Forces of the United States.

Requirements:
- Applicants must present one of the following documents to determine eligibility:
  - DD-214
  - Pre DD-214 era documents (1941-1950) as indicated below:
    - WD AGO (War Department Adjutant General) Forms, to include WD AGO 53, WD AGO 55, WD AGO 53-55
    - JAVPERS (Naval Personnel) Discharge Documents, to include NAVPERS 553, NAVMC78PD, NAVCG 553
  - National Personnel Records Center NPRC “Statement of Service,” issued as a result of a destroyed discharge record during the 1973 National Archives fire.
- One of the following:
  - A photocopy of the registration certificate of the vehicle on which the plate will be placed if the vehicle is currently registered in the applicant's name.
  - If the vehicle is not in the applicant's name, all necessary documentation required for titling of the vehicle must be submitted along with the request for the veteran/retired veteran license plate.
- The plate can be used upon personally owned or jointly owned vehicles that are registered in the veteran's name.

Fees:

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

Notes:

- The plates shall be returned to the Department for cancellation upon the death of the applicant, with the exception that widows and widowers are allowed to retain use of their spouse's retired veteran 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.
- Based on availability, plates may be issued through any Motor Vehicle office or Public Tag Agency location.
- Renewal transactions can be processed by any Motor Vehicle office or Public Tag Agency location.

Related Policies:

Section 4, Policy 2.00 Basic Requirements For Obtaining A Certificate Of Title
Section 5, Policy 29.00 U.S. Reserve Forces Retired Reserve Forces License Plates