



Louisiana Department of Public Safety  
Office of Motor Vehicles  
**Policy 29.00 U.S. Reserve Forces / Retired Reserve  
Forces 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. 47:462](#)

[R.S. 47:490.8](#)

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

**General:**

- State law provides for the issuance of Reserve Forces and Retired Reserve Forces license plates. These plates are issued to private passenger automobiles, vans, private trucks up to 16,000 lbs., private buses, and motorcycles.

**Eligibility:**

- Any Louisiana citizen who is an active or retired member of the military reserve forces of the United States is eligible for the Reserve Forces license plate.

**Requirements:**

- **U.S. Reserve Forces**
  - Verification form signed by the Unit Commander attesting to the applicant's eligibility is required for initial issuance and upon renewal.
  - A copy of the vehicle's registration certificate if the vehicle is registered in the applicant's name. OR
  - If the vehicle is not registered in the applicant's name, proper title documentation and fees must be submitted along with the request.
- **U.S. Retired Reserve Forces**
  - Proof that the retired member is receiving, is eligible to receive, or will be eligible to receive a pension from the federal government for military service.
  - A copy of the registration certificate of the vehicle on which the plate will be placed if the vehicle is registered in the applicant's name. OR
  - If the vehicle is not registered in the applicant's name, proper title documentation and fees must be submitted along with the request.

**Fees:**

- \$25.00 - one-time fee, in addition to regular registration fees, due at initial issuance.
- Regular 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 Reserve plate must be surrendered upon termination of active military duty.
- The Retired Reserve Forces plate must be surrendered upon the death of the retired person.
- 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.
- Based on availability, plates may be issued through any motor vehicle office or public tag agent location.
- Renewal transactions can be processed by any motor vehicle office or public tag agent location.