



Louisiana Department of Public Safety  
Office of Motor Vehicles  
**Policy 18.01 Use of Military Vin In Lieu of License Plates  
on Privately Owned Military Vehicles**

**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. 47:490.16 \(C\)](#)

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

**General:**

- In lieu of the license plate, the Secretary shall authorize the use of the military vehicle identification number stenciled on the vehicle in white or yellow letters and numbers in accordance with military regulations.

**Eligibility:**

- There are no eligibility requirements for Use of Military VIN in lieu of license plate.

**Requirements:**

- A current color picture showing the military VIN that is stenciled on the vehicle
- An affidavit of physical inspection. The physical inspection must be performed by a full-time Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) certified law enforcement officer who has been certified by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, to inspect motor vehicles.

**Fees:**

- Issuance of authorized identification prior to September 1, 1996, shall remain lifetime.
- The one-time fee of \$25 is required for use of the military VIN in lieu of a license plate issued after this date, in addition to the regular registration fee.
- The military vin number shall be issued as a lifetime plate.
- The registration will be issued showing the military VIN in the license plate field. No license plate will be issued.
- All requests for registration utilizing a military VIN must be forwarded to the Special/Dealer License Plate Unit, Headquarters.