



Louisiana Department of Public Safety  
Office of Motor Vehicles  
**Policy 14.06 Public Handicapped License Plates**

**Section:** 5. Motor Vehicle License Plate Classification and Requirements

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[R.S. 49:121](#)

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

**Definitions:**

- **Public handicapped plates** can be issued to automobiles, trucks, vans, and buses. The public handicapped plate shows no expiration date as it is a lifetime plate.

**Eligibility:**

- Public handicapped license plates can be issued to vehicles which are registered in the name of a public agency and which are used by or for the benefit of a mobility impaired person; that is, such vehicle may be operated by either a mobility impaired person or by a person who is not mobility impaired but is utilizing the vehicle for the benefit of a mobility impaired person.
- The term "mobility impaired person" will include any person who is impaired because of any of the following conditions:
  - Cannot walk two hundred feet without stopping to rest.
  - Cannot walk without the assistance of another person, walker, cane crutches, braces, prosthetic device, or wheelchair. This includes individuals who are blind or have such a visual impairment that the assistance of another person is necessary to walk.
  - Is restricted by a lung disease to such an extent that the person's forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for one second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty mm/hg on room air at rest.
  - Uses portable oxygen.
  - Has a cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified in severity as Class III or Class IV according to standards set by the American Heart Association.
  - Has diagnosed disease or disorder, including a severe arthritic, neurological or orthopedic impairment, which creates a severe mobility limitation.

**Requirements:**

- A copy of the registration certificate on the vehicle must be submitted. If the vehicle is not currently titled to the agency applying for the public handicap plate, proper documentation must be submitted to title the vehicle.
- All applications for a public handicapped plate must be accompanied by ONE of the following:
  - A letter from the head of the public agency attesting to the individual's physical condition who will be transported by or using the vehicle that displays the public handicapped plate.
  - A currently dated medical examiner's certification of mobility impairment (DPSMV 1966 form) certifying an individual's mobility impairment if the individual who is mobility impaired is an employee of the public agency. "Medical examiner" is defined as a person licensed to practice medicine by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, a person licensed to practice chiropractic by the Louisiana State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, a person licensed by the Louisiana State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, or an advanced practice registered nurse.
- A medical examiner's statement ([DPSMV 1966 form](#)) will not be required if the plate is issued to any agency that routinely transports mobility impaired individuals; only a letter from the head of the public agency must be submitted.

**Fees:**

- Public handicapped license plates are issued at no charge.
- An \$8.00 handling fee is due on all transactions except renewals.
- The license transfer fee is \$3.00.
- A public handicapped plate can be transferred from one vehicle to another if both vehicles are registered in the name of the same public agency.

Type of Vehicle	Initial Issuance & Renewal Fee	Term of Plate
Public Non-State Auto/ Van = Public State Auto/ Van =	No Charge - Free Lifetime - 12/9999 No Charge - Free Lifetime - 12/9999	Permanent
Public Non-State Trucks Public State Trucks	No Charge - Free Lifetime - 12/9999 No Charge - Free Lifetime - 12/9999	Permanent
Public Motorcycle Non-State Public Motorcycle State	No Charge -	4 years
Public Non-State Bus Public State Bus	No Charge - Free Lifetime - 12/9999 No Charge - Free Lifetime - 12/9999	Permanent

- Applications for public handicapped license plates can be processed in the field offices in Baton Rouge, New Orleans, and Kenner or through the mail by the Title Registration Mail-In Unit, Headquarters.
- If the agency which is applying for the public handicapped plate currently has a public plate on the vehicle, the public plate must be surrendered.
- Any unusual situation which is not adequately covered in this policy should be brought to the supervisor's attention.

**Related Policies:**

Section 5, Policy 14.00 [Mobility Impaired License Plates](#)

Section 5, Policy 14.07 [Hang Tags For Mobility Impaired Individuals](#)