Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 14.04 Handicapped Amateur Radio Operator License Plates

Section: 5. Motor Vehicle License Plate Classification and Requirements

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General: Handicapped Amateur Radio Operator license plates may be issued for private passenger automobiles, vans, private use trucks up to 16,000 lbs., and private buses (motor homes).

Eligibility:
- Any mobility impaired person who possesses a current amateur radio operator's license issued by the Federal Communications Commission and whose impairment is PERMANENT is eligible for a prestige handicapped license plate.
- 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 a diagnosed disease or disorder, including a severe arthritic, neurological or orthopedic impairment, which creates a severe mobility limitation.

Requirements:

- To apply for a Handicapped Amateur Radio Operator license plate, the applicant must submit the following items:
    - A copy of the registration certificate showing a current license plate of the vehicle on which the plate will be placed. If the vehicle is not in the applicant's name, all necessary documentation required for titling the vehicle must be submitted along with the request for the Handicapped Amateur Radio Operator license plate.
    - A copy of the current amateur radio operator's license issued by the Federal Communication Commission.
    - A currently dated medical examiner's statement (DPSMV 1966 form) certifying that the applicant is mobility impaired. The medical examiner's certification must state how long the physical condition which qualifies the applicant for a Handicapped Amateur Radio Operator is expected to last. The "Medical Examiner's Certification of Mobility Impairment" form must be completely filled out or the application will be rejected. A "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.
    - The certification must indicate the type of impairment as permanently impaired with a condition certified as total or lifelong. Physician's certification is required on initial application only. Re-certification WILL NOT be required upon renewal.
    - An applicant whose medical examiner's certification is marked TEMPORARILY IMPAIRED is NOT eligible to receive a Handicapped Amateur Radio Operator license plate. A temporarily impaired individual can only qualify for a mobility impaired hang tag. See Section V, Policy 14.07 for procedures.

Fees:

- The fee for obtaining this plate is the same as regular registration fees.
- The renewal fee for the Amateur Radio plate is regular registration fee only.
- $8.00 - handling fee is due on all transactions except renewals.
- $3.50 - administrative handling fee is due only on initial issuance.
- $3.00 - transfer the plate to another vehicle.

Notes:

- This plate may be transferred from one vehicle in the applicant's name to another vehicle in the applicant's name, but cannot be transferred between motor vehicle owners.
- Since it takes approximately two to four months for a Handicapped Ham Operator license plate to be manufactured, the applicant must have a current license plate on the vehicle before ordering this type plate.
- All requests for initial issuance of the special license plate must be mailed to the Specialized Vehicle Unit, Headquarters, P.O. Box 64886, Baton Rouge, LA. 70896. Renewals and transfers can be processed by any motor vehicle office or public tag agent.

Related Policies:

Section 5, Policy 14.00 Mobility Impaired License Plates
Section 5, Policy 14.07 Hang Tags For Mobility Impaired Individuals