Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 14.01 Handicapped Commercial License Plates

Section: 5. Motor Vehicle License Plate Classification and Requirements

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R.S. 47:473.2
To view Louisiana Statutes: http://www.legis.state.la.us/

General: This law provides for the issuance of handicapped commercial license plates to any qualifying commercial entity.

Eligibility:

- To qualify for a handicapped commercial license plate, the vehicle must be used or operated upon the public highways in connection with any business function.
    - Exceptions to this are common carriers, contract or charter carriers, and vehicles owned and used by churches, church schools, and religious orders for their purposes.
    - Vehicles upon which handicapped commercial license plates have been issued are to be used solely by or for the benefit of mobility impaired persons; 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 devise, or wheelchair. This includes individuals who are blind or have such a visual impairment that the assistance of another person to walk is necessary.
    - 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 the 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:

- All applications for initial issuance or transfer must be accompanied by a statement from the commercial vehicle owner attesting to the fact that the vehicle to which the handicapped plate is being issued will be used solely by a mobility impaired person or by a person who is not mobility impaired but who will utilize the vehicle strictly for the benefit of a mobility impaired person.
    - The statement must contain a complete description (VIN, make, year, model, and body style) of the vehicle.
    - A medical examiner's certification is not required. "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.
    - When registering a commercial vehicle in the name of an individual, a statement containing the name, address, and telephone number of the individual's business must be submitted.
    - Commercial Handicapped License Plate Request Form DPSMV1802

Fees:

- The fee for initial issuance or renewal is $10.00 for a one-year non-staggered plate.
- The license transfer fee is $3.00.
- An $8.00 handling fee is due on all transactions except renewals.
- The handicapped commercial plate may not be issued to a truck.
- A handicapped commercial plate may be transferred from one vehicle to another if both vehicles are registered in the same commercial entity's name.
- If the vehicle for which the commercial entity is applying for a handicapped commercial plate has a current plate, the plate must be surrendered and credit given for the remaining months. If the credit exceeds the cost of the handicapped commercial plate, an even exchange must be processed. No refund will be due.

Related Policies:

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