Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
# Policy 14.00 Mobility Impaired License Plates

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

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R.S. 47:463.4
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**Definitions:**

- **Exclusive Use -** The designated vehicle shall be allowed special parking privileges **only** when used to transport the mobility impaired person.
- **Medical Examiner -** 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

**Eligibility:**

- Mobility impaired persons who have a permanent impairment or veterans who have a 50% or more service connected disability are eligible for the mobility impaired license plates. 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 who 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:**

- Application for a handicapped license plate can be made at any Motor Vehicle or Public Tag Agent (PTA) office.
- Each initial application must be accompanied by a currently dated Medical Examiner's Certification of Mobility Impairment (DPSMV1966) certifying that the applicant is mobility impaired, unless a query of the mainframe indicates the applicant has been previously issued a permanent status mobility placard.
    - The certification must indicate the type of impairment as follows:
        - **Permanently Impaired** - The applicant's physical condition is a total or lifelong condition of mobility impairment from which little or no improvement or recovery can reasonably be expected.
        - **Temporarily Impaired** - The applicant is not eligible for a plate and can only receive a hang tag.
    - The Medical Examiner's Certification of Mobility Impairment must be filled out to its entirety and must indicate whether the physical condition is temporary or permanent.
- **Disabled Veteran** - In the case of a disabled veteran, an affidavit from the Veterans Affairs Office attesting to the veteran's disability is required, unless a query of the mainframe indicates the applicant has been previously issued a permanent disabled veteran mobility placard.
    - A disabled veteran is considered to have a permanent impairment.
- **Designation of Mobility Impaired Plate:**
    - The law also provides for the mobility impaired person to designate one recipient motor vehicle owned or leased by him, his spouse, parents, legal guardian, or by a legal entity which has designated the vehicle as intended for the exclusive use of the mobility impaired person.
    - If the mobility impaired individual is **not** the owner of the vehicle on which the handicapped plate will be placed, a "Designation of Mobility Impaired License Plate" (DPSMV 4222) form must be completed and signed by the applicant (designee) and the vehicle owner or lessee.

**Fees:**

- $10.00 plate fee for automobiles, trucks 16,000 lbs. and under, and private buses
- $12.00 plate fee for motorcycle plates
- $8.00 handling fee is due on all transactions except renewals.
- $3.00 license transfer fee

**Notes:**

- A handicapped plate may be transferred from one vehicle to another vehicle providing both vehicles are registered in the mobility impaired person's name or in the name of a person designated by the mobility impaired person.
- No more than two (2) handicapped plates can be issued to an individual.
- Only one (1) handicapped plate, of the two allowed per individual, can be designated.
- Handicap plates will be issued at **no charge** to a disabled veteran who has a 50% or more service connected disability.
- If the applicant has a current plate on the vehicle, it must be surrendered. Credit can be given for the remaining months on the plate; however, credit is only allowed up to the cost of the handicap plate.