



Louisiana Department of Public Safety  
Office of Motor Vehicles  
**Policy 13.00 Amateur Radio Operator License Plates**

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

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[R.S. 47:492](#)

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**General:**

- These plates are issued to amateur radio operators for private passenger automobiles, vans, private use trucks up to 16,000 lbs., and private buses. These plates 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.

**Eligibility:**

- Any person who possesses a current amateur radio operator's license issued by the Federal Communications Commission is eligible for this type plate.

**Requirements:**

- To apply for an Amateur Radio Operator license plate, the applicant must submit the following items:
  - A copy of the registration certificate showing a current license plate on 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 Amateur Radio Operator license plate.
  - A copy of the current amateur radio operator's license issued by the FCC

**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 due on all transactions except renewals
- \$3.50 - administrative handling fee due only on initial issuances.
- \$3.00 - fee to 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 an Amateur Radio Operator license plate to be manufactured, the applicant must have a current license plate on the vehicle before ordering this type of 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.