Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles

Policy 1.01 Personalized Prestige License Plates for Antique Motor Vehicles

Section: 5. Motor Vehicle License Plate Classifications & Requirements

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To view Special Plates: www.Expresslane.org

Authority:
R.S. 47:462
R.S. 47:463.8
To view Louisiana Statutes: http://www.legis.state.la.us/

Purpose:

- The law provides for the issuance of personalized license plates for antique vehicles thirty-five (35) years old or older.

Eligibility:

- Any private, passenger automobile, van, private truck up to 16,000 pounds, or motor home, that is at least 35 years old and is registered in the name of the applicant, is eligible for the personalized antique plate.

Requirements:

- All applications for initial issuance or transfer of a personalized antique license plate must be accompanied by:
  - A current, color photograph of the vehicle
  - One of the following:
    - A notarized Antique Plate affidavit (DPSMV 1911), attesting to the fact that the vehicle has not been and will not be materially altered or modified from the original manufacturer's specifications and that such vehicle shall be used primarily for special occasions such as exhibitions, club activities, parades, or other functions of the public interest, or for necessary testing, maintenance, and storage purposes.
    - A photocopy of a card showing applicant's membership in an antique car club
  - A completed Personalized License Plate Application (DPSMV 1619) must be submitted for initial issuance. If the vehicle is not registered in the applicant's name, proper title documentation and fees must be submitted along with the request for the plate.
  - If an antique motor vehicle tax exemption is applied to the vehicle purchase, it will be necessary for the applicant to obtain an antique plate prior to a personalized antique plate being ordered.

- **Plate Selection Limitations:**
  - A maximum of seven (7) characters is allowed.
    - Periods and/or dashes count as part of the seven characters.
  - If a selection is already issued as a regular personalized prestige license plate, it cannot be issued again as a personalized prestige license plate for an antique motor vehicle.
  - Each plate must have at least two (2) alpha characters.
    - The two alpha characters cannot be indicated as a prefix followed by numbers.
  - The plate cannot contain a regular plate sequence (i.e. three numbers followed by three alpha characters or three alpha characters followed by three numbers).
  - The following prefixes cannot be used: LSP, DPS, NOLA, HQ, SP, TS, or LA
  - The Commissioner will not honor a request that might carry a connotation that is offensive to good taste and decency.

Fees:

- $50.00- One-Time Personalized Antique license plate fee
- $8.00 - Handling fee
- $3.50 - Administrative fee are due on initial issuance only
- Transfer Fee – One of the following fees, as applicable:
  - $3.00 – Transfer fee
  - 1,000.00 - Transfer fee, if Antique Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption is applicable
    - Only applies to vehicles transferred or sold on or after to 07/01/2025

Notes:

- No credit shall be given for the unused portion of the license plate currently on the vehicle.
- All requests for initial issuance must be submitted to the Specialized Vehicle Unit, P.O. Box 64886, Baton Rouge, LA., 70896.
- The Personalized Antique plate may remain with the vehicle when it is sold or it may be transferred to another qualifying vehicle in the applicant's name with payment of a transfer fee.
- Transfers can be processed by any motor vehicle office or public tag agent.

Related Policies:

Section 4, Policy 2.00, Basic Requirements For Obtaining A Certificate Of Title
Section 4, Policy 8.01, Application for Title On Antique, Classic or Vintage Vehicles With No Record
Section 4, Policy 49.11, Antique Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption
Section 5, Policy 1.00, License Plate for Antique, Classic, or Vintage Motor Vehicles