



Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 157.00 Distinguished Service Cross Recipient

Section: 5. Motor Vehicle License Plate Classification and Requirements

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To view Special Plates: <http://omv.dps.state.la.us/>

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[R.S. 47:462](#)

[R.S. 47:490.27](#)

To view Louisiana Statutes: <http://www.legis.state.la.us/>

Definition:

- State law provides for the issuance of Distinguished Service Cross Recipient license plates. The plates are issued to private passenger automobiles, vans, private trucks up to 16,000 pounds, private buses, and motorcycles.

Eligibility:

- Any applicant who was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross qualifies for the Distinguished Service Cross Recipient license plate and may be issued a license plate for each vehicle registered in the applicant's name.

Requirements:

- Applicant must have received an honorable discharge and must present one of the following documents to determine eligibility:
 - DD-214 indicating issuance of Distinguished Service Cross
 - DD-215 indicating issuance of Distinguished Service Cross
 - A photocopy of the registration certificate of the vehicle on which the plate will be placed if the vehicle is currently registered in the applicant's name.
 - If the vehicle is not in the applicant's name, then all necessary documentation required for titling of the vehicle must be submitted along with the request for the license plate.
 - The plate can be used upon personally owned or jointly owned vehicles that are registered in the member name.

Notes:

- The plates shall be returned to the Department for cancellation upon the death of the applicant, or a surviving spouse of a person to whom a Distinguished Service Cross Recipient specialty plate was issued may retain the plate, provided the surviving spouse has not remarried and provided the surviving spouse applies to the secretary for a transfer of the license plate to the surviving spouse. The license plate transferred to a surviving spouse shall be returned to the secretary upon the death or remarriage of the surviving spouse.

- Plates may be transferred from one vehicle in applicant's name to another vehicle in applicant's name, but cannot be transferred between owners.

Fees:

- Regular registration and renewal fees apply.
- \$8.00 - handling fee due on all transactions except renewals.
- \$3.00 - to transfer the plate to another vehicle in the applicant's name.