Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles

Policy 157.00 Distinguished Service Cross Recipient License Plates

Section: 5. Motor Vehicle License Plate Classification and Requirements

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To view Special Plates: www.Expresslane.org

Authority:
R.S. 47:462
R.S. 47:490.27
To view Louisiana Statutes: http://www.legis.state.la.us/

Eligibility:

- The Distinguished Service Cross license plate may be issued to private passenger automobiles, vans, private trucks up to 16,000 lbs., private buses, and motorcycles.
- 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:

- If an Honorable, Under Honorable Conditions, or a General Under Honorable Conditions discharge was received, the owner/applicant is eligible for this type of plate.
    - 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 applicant’s 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 - Transfer the plate to another vehicle in the applicant's name