Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 126.00 Military Surplus Vehicles

Section: 4. Motor Vehicle Registration Requirements

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To view Special Plates: http://www.expresslane.org

Authority:
R.S. 47:462
R.S. 32:1 (35.1)
R.S. 32:299.5
R.S. 47:451 (20.1)
R.S. 47:471
To view Louisiana Statutes: http://www.legis.state.la.us/

Definitions:

- **Military Surplus Motor Vehicle** - A wheeled, multipurpose or tactical motor vehicle manufactured for, and sold directly to, the Armed Forces of the United States in conformity with contractual specifications and subsequently authorized for sale to civilians. "Military surplus motor vehicle" does not include mobile construction equipment, trailers, or semitrailers.

Eligibility:

- Operator of a Military Surplus Vehicle must be at least twenty-one (21) years old.
- Must possess a valid driver's license.

Requirements:

- Military Surplus Vehicles operated upon any highway of this state shall be equipped with the minimum motor vehicle equipment appropriate for motor vehicle safety including:
  - head lamps
  - front and rear turn signal lamps
  - tail lamps
  - stop lamps
  - an exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side of the vehicle
  - either an exterior mirror mounted on the passenger's side of the vehicle or an interior mirror
  - parking brake
  - an adequate windshield
  - windshield wiper
  - speedometer
  - odometer
  - braking for each wheel

    - a seat belt assembly installed at each designated seating position
    - tire equipment as required by R.S. 32:362
    - Vehicle identification or serial number.
- **Other applicable requirements include:**
    - Self-certification certificate indicating vehicle meets highway safety standards.
    - An affidavit of physical inspection is required only when there is an invalid character within the identification number or the VIN fails the edit check. The physical inspection must be performed by a full-time Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) certified law enforcement officer who has been trained and certified by the Department of Public Safety and Correction, Office of State Police, to inspect motor vehicles.
    - Proof of Insurance that meets the minimum state requirement.
    - A photocopy of the registration certificate of the vehicle on which the plate will be placed OR
    - If the vehicle is not in applicant's name, then all necessary documentation required for titling of the vehicle must be submitted.

Fees:

- All required fees to title, if applicable.
- Regular 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.

Notes:

- Plates are available for immediate issuance through the Specialized Vehicle Unit (P O BOX 64886, Baton Rouge LA 70896).
- Based on availability, plates may be issued through any motor vehicle office or public tag agent location.
- Renewal transactions can be processed by any motor vehicle office or public tag agent location.
- Military Surplus License Plate Applicant Certification Certificate (DPSMV1819)

Related Policies:

Section 4, Policy 2.00 Basic Requirements for Obtaining a Certificate of Title