



Louisiana Department of Public Safety  
Office of Motor Vehicles  
**Policy 182.00 Sabine Pass Lighthouse**

**Section:** 5. Motor Vehicle License Plate Classifications & Requirements

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**To view Special Plates:** [www.Expresslane.org](http://www.Expresslane.org)

**Authority:**

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

R.S. [47:463.194](#)

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

**Definition:**

- Louisiana law provides for the issuance of the Sabine Pass Lighthouse specialty license plate. This license plate can be used on passenger cars, van, pickup trucks under 16000 lbs., motorcycles, and recreational vehicles.

**Eligibility:**

- There are no eligibility requirements for the Sabine Pass Lighthouse specialty license plate.

**Requirements:**

- Any resident of Louisiana, upon application, can be issued the Sabine Pass Lighthouse specialty license plate.
- A photocopy of the registration certificate of the vehicle on which the plate will be placed.  
OR
- 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 Sabine Pass Lighthouse license plate.

**Fees:**

- \$40.00, in addition to regular registration fees, is due at initial issuance and all subsequent renewals.
- \$8.00 handling fee is due on all transactions except renewals.
- \$3.50 administrative handling fee is due only at initial issuance.
- \$3.00 transfer fee is required to transfer the plate to another vehicle in the applicant's name.

**Notes:**

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

**Related Policies:**

Section 4, Policy 2.00 [Basic Requirements for Obtaining a Certificate of Title](#)

**Procedures:**

- The prefix for the Sabine Pass Lighthouse specialty plate is "SL" i.e., SL00010

Type of Vehicle	Initial Issuance Fee	Renewal Fee	Term of Plate	Type Use Code	Special Fee Code
Auto/Van	\$40.00 + SPOV	\$40.00 + SPOV	2 years	2120	
Private Truck (6000 lbs. or less)	\$40.00 + \$20.00	\$40.00 + \$20.00	2 years	5284	T
Private Truck (6001 lbs. up to 10,000 lbs.)	\$40.00 + \$56.00	\$40.00 + \$56.00	2 years	5286	T8
Private Truck ( 10,001 - 16,000 lbs.)	\$40.00 + \$.38 per 100 lbs.	\$40.00 + \$.38 per 100 lbs.	2 years	5285	T9
Motor Home	\$40.00 + \$50.00	\$40.00 + \$50.00	2 years	1490	P

- If a valid plate is currently on the vehicle, credit may be given on time remaining on the current plate for the registration fee only. Credit is not allowed on the \$40.00 additional fees. (Example: Credit given for issuance of a Sabine Pass Lighthouse private truck plate (6,000 lbs. or less) cannot exceed \$20.83. A MINIMUM of \$51.50 (\$40.00 additional fee, \$8.00 handling fee and \$3.50 administrative handling fee) will be charged to convert to the special plate, in addition to any extra month registration fees due.
- If a customer requests a "title only," process the file without issuing a plate, and inform the customer that the vehicle cannot be legally driven until the special plate is received from Headquarters, unless a valid temporary tag has been issued for the vehicle. If a customer does not have a valid temporary tag but wishes to drive the vehicle before the special plate is received, a regular number plate must be purchased.