



Instructions for Completing the Military Disabled Veteran License Plates and Parking Placards Application

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Use this application to apply for Disabled Veteran license plates and placards. Organizations operating a vehicle exclusively (and at no charge) to transport disabled veterans may also use this application to apply for Disabled Veteran license plates and placards. Note: the International Symbol of Access is no longer available on passenger/truck Disabled Veteran license plates and these plates cannot be used on vehicles that weigh 18,000 pounds or more.

The specialty plate fee is \$3 per year for one vehicle. You may apply for additional sets of Disabled Veteran license plates for each vehicle you own. Additional sets of license plates require payment of all annual registration and local fees. Submit a separate application for more than two vehicles. When the specialty plates are issued, additional fees may be collected to establish a single expiration date for both the specialty plate and the vehicle registration. You have several design choices and your plates may be personalized for an additional \$40 fee, see below.

The vehicle must only be for your personal use. The Texas title and vehicle registration should be in your name. If the plate is to be registered to a vehicle that is not titled in your name, attach a statement to this application stating that you have legal right of possession and control of this vehicle at all times. Joint vehicle ownership between you and a spouse is permissible. If the vehicle is leased, attach a copy of the lease agreement. If you recently filed an application for title, attach a copy of the *Title Application Receipt*, Form VTR-500 RTS.

Submit the completed application to your local county tax assessor-collector office and attach the following:

- Proof of your eligibility (attach statement of disability from the Department of Veterans Affairs and official documentation for service); or
- Proof of your organization's eligibility (attach a statement either from the Department of Veterans Affairs or from your local Veterans County Service Officer).
- Fees (If required) in the form of cash, personal check, money order, or cashier's check payable to your county tax assessor-collector's office. **Do not mail cash.**

Eligibility Requirements

If you would like an emblem on your Disabled Veteran license plate, you must provide proof that you qualify for that emblem, i.e., that you were honorably discharged, a member of the U.S. Armed Forces and a medal recipient.

TxDMV accepts the following documents:

- A *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, Form DD214.
- For Guard and Reservists, instead of a DD214, a letter from an awarding authority.
- An *Officer Record Brief*, or an *Enlisted Record Brief* with a copy of your military ID.
- A letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, certifying your disability percentage, or completion of the information on the application by a Veterans Affairs Regional Office or appropriate service branch. To qualify for a Disabled Veteran specialty license plate, state law requires you to have a service-connected disability of 50% or more, or 40% or more due to the amputation of a lower extremity. You must be receiving compensation from the U.S. government as a result of your disability.

You must meet the military service requirements defined in state laws to be eligible for the license plates listed below:

- Korea:
 - In the Armed Forces between June 27, 1950, and July 27, 1954, and received the National Defense Service Medal,
 - In a combat zone in Korea between June 27, 1950, and July 27, 1954, and received the Korean Service Medal, or
 - In the Korean Demilitarized Zone beginning July 28, 1954, and received the Korean Defense Service Medal.
- Vietnam:
 - In the Armed Forces during the Vietnam era between January 1, 1961, and August 14, 1974, and received the National Defense Service Medal, or
 - In a combat zone in the Republic of Vietnam between July 1, 1958, and March 28, 1973, and received the Vietnam Service Medal.
- Desert Storm:
 - In the Armed Forces between August 2, 1990, and November 30, 1995, and received the National Defense Service Medal, or
 - In a combat zone in support of Operation Desert Shield or Desert Storm between August 2, 1990, and November 30, 1995, and received the Southwest Asia Service Medal.
- Operation Iraqi Freedom: You participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom.
- Enduring Freedom Afghanistan: You participated in Operation Enduring Freedom Afghanistan.
- Woman Veteran: You are a female active or former member with honorable discharge from the U.S. Armed Forces, Texas National Guard or Texas State Guard.

Plate Design Choices and Personalization

You have three design choices, for your \$3 a year, first set of plates. Make your selections on the application.

- Texas' standard general issue design which does not indicate that you are a disabled veteran. State law allows only one general issue design per veteran at the reduced \$3 price;
- The standard disabled veteran design which includes the words "Disabled Veteran, U.S. Armed Forces" in the bottom area of the plate; or
- The words "Disabled Veteran, U.S. Armed Forces" in the bottom area of the plate, and your choice of one of 55 military emblems;
- If you would like to personalize your plates, there is an additional annual fee of \$40; please see the "Personalize Your Plate" section of the application. **The personalization fee will not be refunded once your application is submitted.**