

DISABLED VETERANS



TEXAS SUPPORTS OUR TROOPS

We appreciate your service to our country and are proud to be able to provide special services to military personnel, veterans, and their families.



Texas claims one of the largest veteran populations in the country. Our service members – active and retired – may choose from dozens of license plates honoring their commitment and sacrifice. The first military license plate in Texas was established for Disabled Veterans in 1972. Since then, Texas license plates related to the U.S. Armed Forces have increased dramatically, with plates commemorating each service branch, major events beginning with Pearl Harbor and World War II, and meritorious medal awards among other options.

For relatives of veterans, the TxDMV offers the “Gold Star” series for spouses, mothers, fathers and family, and a plate specifically for the “Surviving Spouse of a Disabled Veteran.” Additionally, a surviving spouse of a veteran may opt to retain their spouse’s previously issued military plate (except for the “DV” plate) for one vehicle if they remain unmarried.

These military plates are offered at no extra charge, or for a significantly reduced plate fee that incorporates the standard registration fee.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- ★ Texas title and vehicle registration must be in your name.
- ★ If you recently filed an application for title, attach a copy of the Title Application (VTR-500 RTS) Receipt.
- ★ Joint vehicle ownership between you and a spouse is permissible.
- ★ Attach a copy of the lease agreement if vehicle is leased.
- ★ Vehicle must be for personal use only.

Visit www.TxDmv.gov for more information on application requirements.

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PLATE TYPE	FIRST SET	ADDITIONAL SETS	REPLACEMENT
MERITORIOUS SERVICE			
Congressional Medal of Honor P	Free	Free +	Free
Legion of Valor: P • Air Force Cross • Distinguished Service Cross • Navy Cross	Free	Free +	Free
Distinguished Service Medal P	Free	Free +	Free
Silver Star P	Free	Free +	Free
Defense Superior Service Medal P	Free	Free +	Free
Legion of Merit P	Free	Free +	Free
Distinguished Flying Cross	Free	Free +	Free
Bronze Star, Bronze Star w/ Valor P	Free	Free +	Free
Air Medal, Air Medal with Valor P	Free	Free +	Free
RECOGNITION AWARD			
Disabled Veteran (DV) * P	\$3.00	Free +	\$6.00
Former POW (Prisoner of War) P	\$3.00	Free +	\$6.00
Pearl Harbor Survivor P	\$3.00	Free +	\$6.00
Purple Heart P	\$3.00	Free +	\$6.00
MILITARY SERVICE			
World War II P , Korea, Vietnam, Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, Enduring Freedom Afghanistan and Desert Storm H	Free +	Free +	\$6.00
Active, Honorably Discharged or Retired • U.S. Air Force • U.S. Army • U.S. Marine Corps • U.S. Navy • U.S. Coast Guard	Free +	Free +	\$6.00
Coast Guard Auxiliary	Free +	Free +	\$6.00
Armed Forces Reserve	Free +	Free +	\$6.00
Military Academy Graduates • U.S. Air Force Academy • U.S. Military Academy West Point • U.S. Naval Academy • U.S. Coast Guard Academy • U.S. Merchant Marine Academy	Free +	Free +	\$6.00
U.S. Paratrooper	Free +	Free +	\$6.00
Woman Veteran	Free +	Free +	\$6.00
Marine Corps League	Free +	Free +	\$6.00
Texas Guard (National or State)	Free +	Free +	\$6.00
Texas Wing Civil Air Patrol	Free +	Free +	\$6.00
OTHER			
Surviving Spouse - Disabled Veteran	\$3.00	Free +	\$6.00
Gold Star Family	\$10.00 +	N/A	\$6.00
Gold Star Father	\$10.00 +	N/A	\$6.00
Gold Star Mother	\$10.00 +	N/A	\$6.00
Gold Star Spouse	\$10.00 +	N/A	\$6.00

+ Requires payment of annual registration fee.

H Desert Shield also qualifies for this plate.

P Parking privileges available.

This exemption applies only to parking fees and does not exempt the owner from compliance with other laws and ordinances regulating parking, such as parking in restricted areas or no parking zones. Enforcement of parking laws regarding the exemption varies from locality to locality.


The parking privilege granted does not apply in the following scenarios:

- ★ A controlled access parking facility if at least 50% of the spaces for disabled parking on the campus are located outside a controlled access parking facility;
- ★ An area temporarily designated for special event parking, or
- ★ An area where parking is temporarily prohibited for health or safety concerns.
- ★ Any location where parking is prohibited, including a Federal facility that may require the display of the International Symbol of Access (ISA).

PERSONALIZE YOUR PLATE -

Please be sure you like all of your personalized plate selections as refunds will not be issued.

If you would like to personalize your specialty plate, there will be a \$40 fee per year, in addition to the annual registration fee (if required). Application forms are available online at www.TxDmv.gov.

- If a selection that has already been issued is deemed offensive or conflicts with the regular license plate numbering system, it cannot be approved.
- One character is defined as one letter, number, period, dash, blank space, Texas silhouette, or the heart symbol.
- The International Symbol of Access () may be added to specialty plates on vehicles 18,000 lbs. or less, if you otherwise meet the disabled eligibility requirements.

* A disabled veteran who is also awarded a service medal may request an emblem of the medal on a DV plate, if eligible; or may request their service branch emblem (Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines or Navy).

NOTE: The ISA cannot be included on a plate design that also displays a medal emblem.