



# Application for Military Meritorious Service License Plates

## For County Use Only

License No \_\_\_\_\_

Mo/Yr of Exp \_\_\_\_\_

Date Issued \_\_\_\_\_

## Instructions

Submit the completed application; payment (if personalized) in the form of a personal check, money order, or cashier's check; and proof of eligibility to the department at the following address:

**Texas Department of Motor Vehicles  
Vehicle Titles and Registration Division  
Specialty Plates Unit  
4000 Jackson Avenue  
Austin, TX 78731**

There are no registration or specialty plate fees for the first set of plates. To order additional sets of plates, the annual registration fee must be paid to your local county tax assessor-collector. There is no specialty plate fee for additional sets.

Plates may be personalized for an additional \$40 fee; make your choice on page 2. **Do not mail cash.** The personalization fee will not be refunded once the application is submitted. Contact the Specialty Plates Unit at (512) 374-5010 if you have any questions.

## Applicant Information

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|------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|--------|
| First Name | Middle Name | Last Name | Suffix       | County |
| Address    |             | City      | State        | ZIP    |
| Email      |             |           | Phone Number |        |

## Vehicle Information

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| Vehicle Identification Number | Current TX Plate  | Year | Make | Body Style |
| Empty Weight (lbs.)           | <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger Car (up to 18,000 lbs.) <input type="checkbox"/> Truck (up to 18,000 lbs.) <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle/Moped |      |      |            |

**Plate Type** – All plates are available for passenger cars, trucks (up to 18,000 lbs.), and motorcycles/mopeds.

Circle your specialty plate choice below or enter your choice here: \_\_\_\_\_

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air Force Cross</li> <li>• Air Medal</li> <li>• Air Medal with Valor</li> <li>• Airman's Medal</li> <li>• Army of Occupation Medal</li> <li>• Army Distinguished Service Cross</li> <li>• Bronze Star</li> <li>• Bronze Star with Valor</li> <li>• Coast Guard Medal</li> <li>• Defense Meritorious Service Medal</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defense Superior Service Medal</li> <li>• Distinguished Flying Cross</li> <li>• Distinguished Flying Cross with Valor</li> <li>• Distinguished Service Medal Air Force</li> <li>• Distinguished Service Medal Army</li> <li>• Distinguished Service Medal Coast Guard</li> <li>• Distinguished Service Medal Navy</li> <li>• Distinguished Service Medal Dept. of Defense</li> <li>• Distinguished Service Medal Dept. of Homeland Security</li> <li>• Distinguished Service Medal Dept. of Transportation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legion of Merit</li> <li>• Meritorious Service Medal</li> <li>• Navy and Marine Corps Medal</li> <li>• Navy Cross</li> <li>• Prisoner of War Medal</li> <li>• Silver Star</li> <li>• Soldier's Medal</li> </ul> |
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**Certification** – State law makes falsifying information a third degree felony.

I, the applicant listed above, meet the eligibility requirements as listed on page 2 of this application and am providing proof to that effect. Indicate if you are an unmarried surviving spouse: ☐ Unmarried Surviving Spouse

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## General Requirements

- Texas title and vehicle registration must 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.
- If you recently filed an application for title, attach a copy of the title application receipt (VTR-500-RTS).
- Joint vehicle ownership between you and a spouse is permissible.
- If the vehicle is leased, attach a copy of the lease agreement.
- Vehicle is for personal use only.

## Eligibility Requirements - This application is for non-Disabled Veteran registration.

- Active members must provide a copy of their military ID and proof that they are a recipient of the medal being applied for, such as an Officer Record Brief or Enlisted Record Brief.
- Former members must provide proof of their honorable discharge and proof that they are a recipient of the medal being applied for, such as, a DD214.
- Prisoner of War Medal applicant must provide an official United States government document or certification from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs certifying or identifying the applicant as a former prisoner of war.
- As an unmarried, surviving spouse of a veteran who had or was eligible for Meritorious Service license plates, you are eligible to register your vehicle with a plate featuring the same military emblem. To apply, you must enclose a written statement that you are unmarried and provide proof your spouse is deceased. A new plate will be issued with the same emblem and a new plate number. Indicate your eligibility as a "Surviving Spouse" by checking the box on page 1.

**Personalize Your Plate** – 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).

- Show personalizations exactly as you want them to appear on your license plate(s). You may list more than one option in the event the personalization you have chosen has been issued.
- A personalization that has been issued, is deemed offensive, or conflicts with the regular license plate numbering system cannot be approved.
- Enter your desired personalized letters, numbers, and/or symbols in the blocks below. The available symbols include: a period, a dash, a blank space, a Texas silhouette (use an asterisk "\*" to indicate), a heart (use an at "@" to indicate), and a star (use an ampersand "&" to indicate).
- Passenger car and truck plates are limited to six (6) characters total, including punctuation characters.
- Motorcycle/moped plates are limited to four (4) characters total, including punctuation characters.
- You are not required to use all the blocks provided.
- The International Symbol of Access "♿" counts as two (2) characters and will be located at the beginning of the plate number. If you are disabled and applying for personalized specialty plates, use a percent "%" to indicate the International Symbol of Access.

**Personalization fee will not be refunded once the application is submitted.**

1<sup>st</sup> Choice

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice

3<sup>rd</sup> Choice

Vehicle 1

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Vehicle 2

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## International Symbol of Access

To display the International Symbol of Access on your license plate, attach a signed *Application for Persons with Disabilities Parking Placard and/or License Plate* (Form VTR-214) to this application to show your eligibility. Contact your county tax assessor-collector's office if you have questions.