

**Motor Vehicle Procedure Manual**

**Registration**

**Disabled Veteran License Plates and Wheelchair License Plates**

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**Legal Authority**

[Section 316.1955\(1\), Florida Statutes](#), enforcement of parking requirements for persons who have disabilities.

[Section 316.1964, Florida Statutes](#), exemption of vehicles transporting certain persons who have disabilities from payment of parking fees and penalties.

[Section 320.084, Florida Statutes](#), free motor vehicle license plates to certain disabled veterans.

**Section 320.084 (6)(a), Florida Statutes, A disabled veteran who meets the requirements of subsection (1) may be issued, in lieu of the “DV” license plate, a military license plate for which he or she is eligible or a specialty license plate. A disabled veteran electing a military license plate or specialty license plate under this subsection, must pay all applicable fees related to such license plate, except**

**for fees otherwise waived under subsections (1) and (4). (b) A military license plate or specialty license plate elected under this subsection: 1. Does not provide the protections or rights afforded by ss. 316.1955, 316.1964, 320.0848, 526.141, and 553.5041. 2. Is not eligible for the international symbol of accessibility as described in s. 320.0842.**

[Section 320.0848, Florida Statutes](#), persons who have disabilities; issuance of disabled parking permits; temporary permits; permits for certain providers of transportation services to persons who have disabilities.

[Section 320.084\(2\)\(b\), Florida Statutes](#), free motor vehicle license plates to veterans who use wheelchairs.

[Section 222.17\(1\), \(2\), and \(3\), Florida Statutes](#), manifesting and evidencing domicile in Florida.

[Section 295.17\(1\)\(a\), Florida Statutes](#), gives Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs authority to issue an identification card to any veteran who is a permanent resident of the state and who has been determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to have 100-percent, service-connected permanent and total disability rating for compensation, or who has been determined to have a service-connected total and permanent disability rating of 100-percent and is in receipt of disability retirement pay from any branch of the United States Armed Services. The identification card may be used by the veteran as proof of eligibility for any benefit provided by state law.

## **Description and Use**

This procedure provides information and instructions to assist employees of the tax collector, license plate agent, and the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) in the issuance of the disabled veteran license plates and the disabled veteran wheelchair license plates.

## **Documentation and Special Instructions**

Former Procedures RS-17 and RS-18 were combined with revised RS-17 which now covers:

- Disabled Veteran License Plates.
- Disabled Veteran Wheelchair License Plates.

The procedures listed below are used in transactions described in this procedure:

- [RS-36](#) Insurance Verification.
- [RS-06](#) Replacement License Plate, Validation Decal or Parking Permit.

The forms listed below are used in the transactions described in this procedure:

- State of Florida Application for Vehicle/Vessel Certificate of Title – HSMV 82041.
- Form [License Plate Rate Chart – HSMV 83140](#).
- Form [Application for a Disabled, Disabled Veteran or Motorcycle International Wheelchair Symbol License Plate – HSMV 83007](#).
- Form [Application for Replacement License Plate, Validation Decal or Parking Permit – HSMV 83146](#).
- Form [Application for Disabled Person Parking Permit – HSMV 83039](#).

The fee chart listed below is used in transactions described in this procedure:

- [Motor Vehicle/Mobile Home Registration Fees and Flat Tax Distribution Chart](#)

## General Information

- A. Only one tax-free Disabled Veteran license plate or Disabled Veteran Wheelchair license plate can be issued to each disabled veteran with a 100 percent service-connected disability. Additional Disabled Veteran license plates may be issued by charging the regular registration tax and applicable fees.
- B. The disabled veteran must have received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Armed Forces.
- C. The Disabled Veteran license plate or Disabled Veteran Wheelchair license plate must be issued in the disabled veteran's name as owner, co-owner, or lessee.
- D. Under the circumstances listed below, a customer must return a Disabled Veteran license plate or Disabled Veteran Wheelchair license plate to a county tax collector office or license plate agency for cancellation. The customer may apply for and purchase a different license plate for which they are eligible, if applicable.
- Death of the disabled veteran. Co-owner(s) must purchase a new license plate.
  - The disability of the veteran is reduced below 100 percent.
  - The veteran no longer owns the motor vehicle.
  - The veteran is no longer a resident of the state of Florida.
- E. **A disabled veteran who meets the requirements for a DV license plate, may be issued, in lieu of the "DV" license plate, a military license plate for which he or she is eligible or a specialty license plate. A disabled veteran electing a military license plate or specialty license plate must pay all applicable fees related to such license plate.**
- F. **A military license plate or specialty license plate elected in lieu of a "DV" license plate does not provide the protections or rights afforded by ss. 316.1955, 316.1964, 320.0848, 526.141, and**

**553.5041. and is not eligible for the international symbol of accessibility as described in s. 320.0842.**

## **Application Requirements**

Disabled Veteran and Disabled Veteran Wheelchair license plates may be issued in a county tax collector office or license plate agency. These license plates can be issued on all motor vehicles except mobile homes, commercial vehicles and trucks over 26,000 lbs. gross vehicle weight. The following must be submitted for processing:

- A. Proof of Florida Residency, one of the following:
  - a. An affidavit stating the customer has been a resident of the state of Florida continuously for the receding five years.
  - b. A photocopy of the customer's Declaration of Domicile which has been properly filed with the Clerk of the Court.
  - c. A copy of the customer's Florida Voter Registration Card.
  - d. A Florida Driver License or Identification Card.

B. Proof of Disabled Veteran Eligibility:

A valid identification card issued by the Florida Department of Veteran's Affairs in accordance with Section 294.17, Florida Statutes, or a "Summary of Benefits" letter issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the veteran has a service-connected disability rating of 100 percent, accompanied by proof that:

- a. A vehicle was initially acquired through financial assistance by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor specifically for the purchase of an automobile; or

- b. The customer has been determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor to have a service-connected 100 percent disability rating for compensations; or
- c. The customer has been determined to have a service-connected disability rating of 100 percent and is in receipt of disability retirement pay from any branch of the U.S. Armed forces.

C. Form applicable for Disabled Veteran Wheelchair license plates:

- a. Form [HSMV 83007](#).

D. Fees:

- a. The first Disabled Veteran or Disabled Veteran Wheelchair license plate is tax free and not subject to the annual use tax. However, the following fees are applicable:
  - i. Reflectorization.
  - ii. Decal on Demand.
  - iii. Service Fee.
  - iv. Branch Fee, if applying through a county tax collector office or license plate agency.
  - v. Refer to the [Motor Vehicle/Mobile Home Registration Fees and Flat Taxes Distribution Chart](#) for all applicable fees. For Military enter MI in the REG USE field.

- b. For an additional Disabled Veteran or Disabled Veteran Wheelchair license plate(s). Example: license plate issued to an additional vehicle owned by the disabled veteran, the following fees are applicable:
- i. Annual use tax shown in the Tax Due and Credit Manual using the appropriate class code.
  - ii. Original License Plate fee.
  - iii. Reflectorization.
  - iv. Decal on Demand fee.
  - v. Service fees.
  - vi. Branch fee, if applying through a county tax collector office or license plate agency.
  - vii. Refer to the [Motor Vehicle/Mobile Home Registration Fees and Flat Taxes Distribution Chart](#) and HSMV 83140 for all applicable fees.

E. Proof of Ownership:

Proof of ownership of the motor vehicle may be shown by submitting one of the following:

- a. A copy of the current Florida Registration. If the motor vehicle is a registration only then this is not proof of ownership. This information is within the motor vehicle issuance system, so if a customer presents a registration receipt that shows registration only in the motor vehicle issuance system the clerk would ask for the title or HSMV 82041 to process.
- b. A copy of the Florida Certificate of Title.

c. A copy of HSMV 82041.

d. If the vehicle is leased, a copy of the lease agreement is required.

F. Proof of Insurance:

Proof of insurance is required. Refer to [RS-36](#) for insurance requirements.

### **Renewals and Transfers of Disabled Veteran and Disabled Veteran Wheelchair License Plates**

Renewals and transfers may be processed by any county tax collector office or license plate agency.

A. For renewals, a verbal or written statement certifying continued eligibility must be obtained.

B. Transfers must be processed in the disabled veteran's name as owner, co-owner, or lessee.

**C. If a customer has a tax-free Disabled Veteran or Disabled Veteran Wheelchair license plate issued and they wish to switch to a military license plate, for which they are eligible, or a specialty license plate, all applicable fees related to such license plate will be due.**

### **Replacement License Plate**

Replacement license plates may be issued by any county tax collector office or license plate agency.

A. For replacement of lost license plates, submit the following:

a. Form [HSMV 83146](#).

b. Fees:



- i. Reflectorization
- ii. Decal on Demand
- iii. Service Fee
- iv. Branch Fee, if applying through a county tax collector office or license plate agency.
- v. Refer to the [Motor Vehicle/Mobile Home Registration Fees and Flat Taxes Distribution Chart](#) for all applicable fees.

B. For replacement of stolen license plates, submit the following:

- a. Form [HSMV 83146](#).
- b. When a customer provides the police report or police card with case number, no fee should be charged for the replacement license plate or decal. See [RS-06](#) for more information.

C. If a Disabled Veteran or Disabled Veteran Wheelchair license plate becomes defaced, faded, or damaged, submit the following:

- a. The customer must turn in the defaced, faded, or damaged license plate to the local county tax collector office or license plate agency for cancellation.
- b. Form [HSMV 83146](#) along with appropriate fees.

D. The first tax free Disabled Veteran or Disabled Veteran Wheelchair must be replaced every 10 years. The disabled veteran is not charged with the advanced license plate replacement fee.

- E. An additional Disabled Veteran or Disabled Veteran wheelchair license plate(s) is subject to the regular registration tax, fees and the advanced license plate replacement fee for the 10-year license plate replacement program.

## Miscellaneous

A legal opinion was issued in 1999 by the Florida Attorney General's office concerning metered parking for disabled veteran license plates. That legal opinion can be located at:

[Disabled veteran license plate, parking | My Florida Legal](#)

## Revision(s) to Procedure

**05/25: Updated Legal Authority section. Updated procedure with instructions for disabled veterans electing the issuance of a tax-free military license plate or specialty license plate in lieu of a 'DV' license plate.**

On Page 5, added language referencing identification cards issued by the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs per Section 295.17, Florida Statute. Added sample of the ID card as exhibit B.

2/18/18: Removed sample letters that Department of Veterans Affairs no longer issues, and Inserted a Summary of Benefits letter, which can be provided to show eligibility.

8/28/18 Added information to page 5 to clarify that forms only are needed when processing veteran wheelchair license plates.

7/18/18 Statutory review and added links to statutes. Combined procedures RS-17 and RS-18 so that one procedure covers both DV license plates and DV wheelchair license plates. Links to forms and additional procedures. Added Historical Revisions.

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## Historical Revisions.

05/17/16: Added Sections 316.1964(7) and (8), Florida Statutes, exempting some parking fees for disabled veterans, removed

Statute information no longer valid, and reformatted procedure.

6/17/16: Added Sections 316.1964(7) and (8), Florida Statutes, exempting some parking fees for disabled veterans, removed statute information no longer valid, and reformatted procedure.

2/23/22: Added The office will provide the customer HSMV form 82041.

## Summary of Benefits Letter (U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs)



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
810 Vermont Ave NW  
Washington, D.C. 20420

## Letter Date

Mark E Marine  
123 Semper Dr  
Anytown, US 11111

In Reply Refer to:  
xxx-xx-xxxx

Dear Mr. Marine:

This letter is a summary of benefits you currently receive from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). We are providing this letter to disabled Veterans to use in applying for benefits such as state or local property or vehicle tax relief, civil service preference, to obtain housing entitlements, free or reduced state park annual memberships, or any other program or entitlement in which verification of VA benefits is required. Please safeguard this important document. This letter is considered an official record of your VA entitlement.

Our records contain the following information:

## Personal Claim Information

Your VA claim number is: xxx-xx-xxxx

You are the Veteran.

## Military Information

Your most recent, verified periods of service (three) include:

Branch of Service	Character of Service	Entered Active Duty	Released/Discharged
(There may be additional periods of service not listed above.)			

## VA Benefit Information

You have one or more service-connected disabilities:	Yes
Your combined service-connected evaluation is:	100%
Your current monthly award amount is:	\$XXXX.XX
The effective date of the last change to your current award was:	May 01, 2017
You are considered to be totally and permanently disabled due solely to your service-connected disabilities:	Yes

You should contact your state or local office of Veterans' affairs for information on any tax, license, or fee-related benefits for which you may be eligible. State offices of Veterans' affairs are available at <http://www.va.gov/statedva.htm>.

## How You Can Contact Us

- If you need general information about benefits and eligibility, please visit us at <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov> or <http://www.va.gov>.
- Call us at 1-800-827-1000. If you use a Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD), the number is 1-800-829-4833.
- Ask a question on the Internet at <https://iris.va.gov>.

Sincerely,

Disabled Veteran's Identification Card

<p><b>FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS</b></p> <p><b>FDVA</b> FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS <small>Honoring those who served U.S.</small></p> <p>HT:      WT:      DOB:</p> <p><b>100% Service-Connected Permanently and Totally Disabled Veteran</b></p>	<p>X _____ SIGNATURE OF VETERAN</p> <p>X _____ DIRECTOR BENEFITS AND ASSISTANCE DIVISION</p> <p>Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs 9500 Bay Pines Boulevard, Room 214 Bay Pines, Florida 33744</p> <p><a href="http://www.FloridaVets.org">www.FloridaVets.org</a></p>
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