

Florida

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Division of Motorist Services

PROCEDURE RS-18	SUBJECT: DISABLED VETERAN WHEELCHAIR LICENSE PLATES
<p>DESCRIPTION:</p> <p>This procedure provides information and instructions to guide employees and agents of the department in the issuance of the disabled veteran wheelchair license plates.</p> <p>PROVISIONS OF LAW:</p> <p>This procedure is governed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 316.1955(1), Florida Statutes Section 316.1964, Florida Statutes Section 320.04, Florida Statutes Section 320.06(3)(b), Florida Statutes Section 320.084, Florida Statutes Section 320.0848, Florida Statutes Section 320.0842(2)(b), Florida Statutes Section 222.17(1), (2), and (3), Florida Statutes <p>DOCUMENTATION AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:</p> <p>The procedures listed below are used in the transactions described in this procedure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procedure RS-17 Disabled Veteran License Plate Procedure RS-36 Insurance Verification 	
<hr/> <p><i>Revision(s) to this procedure: 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316.1964(7) and (8), Florida Statutes, exempting some parking fees for disabled veterans, removed statute information no longer valid, and reformatted procedure.</i></p>	
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FORMS:

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

Form HSMV 82041 Florida Title Receipt

Form [HSMV 83140](#) License Plate Rate Chart

Form [HSMV 83007](#) Application for a Disabled, Disabled Veteran or Motorcycle International Wheelchair Symbol License Plate

Form [HSMV 83146](#) Application for Replacement License Plate, Validation Decal or Parking Permit

Form [HSMV 83039](#) Application for Disabled Person Parking Permit

FEE CHART:

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

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

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

- A. Only one tax-free Disabled Veteran Wheelchair or Disabled Veteran license plate can be issued to each disabled veteran with a 100% service connected disability. See [Procedure RS-17](#) for information regarding disabled veteran license plates. Additional Disabled Veteran Wheelchair license plate(s) may be issued by charging the regular registration tax and applicable fees.
- B. The disabled veteran must have received an honorable discharge from the United States Armed Forces.
- C. The 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 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 he/she is eligible if applicable.
 - 1. Death of the disabled veteran (co-owner(s) must purchase a new license plate).
 - 2. The disability of the veteran is reduced below 100%.
 - 3. The veteran no longer owns a motor vehicle.
 - 4. The veteran is no longer a resident of the state of Florida.

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

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 vehicles except mobile homes, commercial vehicles, and trucks over 26,000 lbs. GVW. The following must be submitted for processing:

A. PROOF OF FLORIDA RESIDENCY (one of the following):

1. An affidavit stating the customer has been a resident of the state of Florida continuously for the preceding five years.
2. A photocopy of the customer's Declaration of Domicile, which has been properly filed with the Clerk of the Court.
3. A copy of the customer's Florida Voter Registration Card.
4. A Florida Driver License.

B. PROOF OF DV ELIGIBILITY:

A letter issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the Veterans Administration Office in St. Petersburg, Florida, stating the veteran has a service-connected disability evaluated at 100%, accompanied by proof that:

1. A vehicle was initially acquired through financial assistance by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor specifically for the purchase of an automobile;
or,
2. The customer has been determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the predecessor to have a service-connected 100% disability rating for compensation;
or,
3. The customer has been determined to have a service-connected disability rating of 100% and is in receipt of disability retirement pay from any branch of the United States Armed Forces.

C. FORM:

1. Form [HSMV 83007](#), Application for a Disabled, Disabled Veteran or Motorcycle International Wheelchair Symbol License Plate, accurately completed.
or,
2. Form [HSMV 83039](#), Application for Disabled Person Parking Permit, accurately completed.

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D. FEES:

1. The first Disabled Veteran Wheelchair license plate is tax-free and not subject to the annual use tax. However, the following fees are applicable: Reflectorization, Decal on Demand, Service fee (add branch fee if applying through a county tax collector office or license plate agency). 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.
2. For an additional Disabled Veteran Wheelchair license plate(s) (Example: license plate issued to an additional vehicle owned by the disabled veteran), submit the annual use tax shown in the Tax Due and Credit Manual using the appropriate class codes, Original License Plate fee, Decal on Demand fee, Service fee, and branch fee, when applicable. Refer to the [Motor Vehicle/Mobile Home Registration Fees and Flat Taxes Distribution Chart](#) and the License Plate Rate Chart ([HSMV 83140](#)) for all applicable fees.

E. PROOF OF OWNERSHIP:

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

1. A copy of the current Florida Vehicle Registration.
2. A copy of the Florida Certificate of Title.
3. A copy of a title application receipt (form HSMV 82041), showing that a Florida title has been applied for.

F. PROOF OF INSURANCE:

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

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

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RENEWALS AND TRANSFERS OF 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.

REPLACEMENT LICENSE PLATES:

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:
 - 1. Form [HSMV 83146](#), Application for Replacement License Plate, Validation Decal or Parking Permit, accurately completed.
 - 2. Fees: Reflectorization fee, Decal on Demand fee, Service fee (add branch fee if applying through a county tax collector office or license plate agency). [Motor Vehicle/Mobile Home Registration Fees and Flat Taxes Distribution Chart](#) for all applicable fees.

If replacing an additional Disabled Veteran Wheelchair license plate that was lost (Example: license plate issued to an additional vehicle owned by the disabled veteran), submit all applicable replacement fees and branch fee, when applicable. 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:
Form [HSMV 83146](#), Application For Replacement License Plate, Validation Decal or Parking Permit, accurately completed.

When a customer reports a license plate or decal as stolen to a law enforcement agency and attests that the license plate or decal has been reported as stolen on form [HSMV 83146](#), no fee should be charged for the replacement license plate or decal.

- C. The first tax-free Disabled Veteran Wheelchair license plate must be replaced every 10 years. The disabled veteran is not charged the advanced license plate replacement fee. If a Disabled Veteran Wheelchair license plate becomes defaced, faded, or damaged, follow the steps below to assist disabled veterans with obtaining a replacement license plate:
 - 1. 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.
 - 2. The customer must accurately complete and submit form [HSMV 83146](#), Application For Replacement License Plate, Validation Decal or Parking Permit, with appropriate fees.
- D. An additional 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.

EXHIBIT A

(Please note that under section 2, Proof of Florida Residency, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles also accepts a Florida Driver License. Additionally, the remittance fee shown as number 5 has increased to \$9.50)



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Regional Office
P.O. Box 1437
St. Petersburg, FL 33731-1437

July 28, 2010

In Reply Refer To: 317-

Dear :

This is to certify that the records of the above-named honorably discharged veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States show that he/she has a service connected disability evaluated at 100 percent for purposes of compensation.

S. L. Smith

S. L. Smith
Veterans Service Center Manager

Email us at: stpete.query@vba.va.gov

The Department of Veterans Affairs letter is one of the requirements for your D.V. Tag in Florida. Before submitting your application, the State of Florida Motor Vehicle Division will require that you attach to this letter:

1. Proof of Ownership:
 - a. Copy of the current Florida vehicle registration
 - b. Copy of Florida title
 - c. Copy of title application receipt
2. Proof of Florida residency:
 - a. An affidavit stating the applicant has been a resident of the State of Florida continuously for the preceding five years, or
 - b. A copy of the applicant's Declaration of Domicile which has been properly filed with the Clerk of the Court, or
 - c. Copy of the applicant's Florida voter's registration card.
3. Current proof of insurance (card)
4. Letter of request, which includes the applicant's address and date of birth.
5. Remittance in the amount of \$3.00.

APPLY TO: The local Auto Tag Office in your city or county.

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EXHIBIT B



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Regional Office
P.O. Box 1437
St. Petersburg, FL 33731-1437

July 29, 2010

In Reply Refer To: 317-

Dear :

This is to certify that the records of the above-named honorably discharged veteran show that he/she is permanently and totally disabled, due to service connected disability or disabilities.

S. L. Smith

S. L. Smith
Veterans Service Center Manager

Email us at: <https://iris.va.gov>

A veteran seeking real estate tax exemption and/or License Fee Exemption should remember that statements obtained from the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs in such matters are simply statements of fact taken from VA records. The determination as to eligibility for the benefit sought rests with the appropriate Municipal, County or State official, not VA.

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