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### SUMMARY

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) continues to support our active duty, retired, and honorably discharged disabled veterans and their spouses, and we currently offer 101 license plates honoring their commitment and sacrifice. These license plates commemorate each service branch, major military events, and include meritorious medal awards and service badges. A separate catalog (Form VTR-427) features the 119 plates available exclusively to military veterans.

Please review Texas' Disabled Veteran (DV) specialty license plate collection and corresponding plate application form to learn if you qualify for these license plates.

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ If the plate is to be registered to a vehicle that is not titled in your name, attach a statement to the application stating that you always have legal right of possession and control of this vehicle.
- ✓ Attach a copy of the lease agreement if the vehicle is leased.
- ✓ Joint vehicle ownership between you and your spouse is permissible.
- ✓ If you recently filed an application for title, attach a copy of the Title Application Receipt (VTR-500 RTS).

### PERSONALIZE YOUR DV SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATE

If you would like to personalize your DV specialty license plate, there will be a \$40 annual fee in addition to the annual registration fee (if required). The *Application for Military Disabled Veteran License Plates and Parking Placards* (Form VTR-615) is available online at this link: <http://www.txdmv.gov/motorists/for-our-troops>. Please be sure you review your personalized plate selection(s) as refunds will not be issued. Your personalized selection will not be approved if it has already been issued or it conflicts with the regular license plate numbering system. Your selection may also be declined based on the department's personalization rules. A personalized plate may include any of the following characters: a letter, number, period, dash, star, blank space, Texas silhouette, or heart symbol.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

**1. DOES TEXAS OFFER DV DISCOUNTED SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES AND VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES?** Yes. Texas DV specialty license plates are available for a \$3 annual specialty plate fee, \$0 annual motor vehicle registration and local fees, and any required inspection fee for one vehicle. Additional vehicles may also have DV specialty license plates at no extra cost; however, registration and local fees will still apply.

A select group of Texas military plates are also available for \$0 annual motor vehicle registration local fees for one vehicle. See *Application for Military Meritorious Service License Plates* (Form VTR-421) for details.

**2. CAN I GET MORE THAN ONE NO-REGISTRATION AND LOCAL FEES MILITARY PLATE IF I QUALIFY?** No. State law permits only one plate with no annual registration and local fees.

**3. ARE DV PLATES AVAILABLE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL SYMBOL OF ACCESS?** Yes, Senate Bill (SB) 792 enacted by the 87<sup>th</sup> Legislature allows eligible disabled veterans to opt for the new DV license plates that displays the ISA on the plate. Additionally, SB 792 allows eligible organizations who register a motor vehicle that is used exclusively for the transportation, without charge, of disabled veterans to apply for DV license plates that display the ISA. Effective January 1, 2022, a vehicle parking in a disabled parking space must have a DV license plate that displays the ISA or a disabled parking placard that displays the ISA. A disabled veteran must meet the eligibility requirements as specified in Transportation Code, Section 504.201, to obtain a disabled parking placard or DV license plate that displays the ISA. Vehicle owners who have DV license plates without the ISA will need to obtain a disabled parking placard, if they do not have one, to maintain parking privileges. This is only if they do not exchange the DV license plate for a DV license plate or another license plate with the ISA.

**4. CAN A DV INDICATE A MEDAL/EMBLEM AND THE ISA ON THEIR PLATE?** Yes, a qualified DV can elect to indicate a medal/emblem and the ISA on their plate. See example image:



**5. IS THERE A SURVIVING SPOUSE OF DV PLATE?** Yes. An unmarried, eligible surviving spouse may register one vehicle with a set of surviving spouse of a DV license plate. See TxDMV's *Application for Surviving Spouse of a Veteran License Plates* (Form VTR-425) for details.

**6. WHERE CAN I GET AN APPLICATION?** Applications are available on TxDMV's website at this link: <http://www.txdmv.gov/motorists/for-our-troops>. Paper applications are available at your County Tax Assessor-Collector office and TxDMV's Regional Service Centers.

**7. WHO CAN I CALL FOR HELP?** Call your local county tax assessor-collector or the TxDMV Special Plates Unit at (512) 374-5010.



## TEXAS SUPPORTS DISABLED VETERANS

Texas offers specialty license plates that recognize the service and sacrifices of disabled veterans. This brochure provides a catalog of Disabled Veteran specialty license plates available for you.

