

Project: Gold Star License Plate Application



Gold Star License Plate Eligibility Requirements

The California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) or designee shall, upon receiving proof of eligibility from an applicant, authorize DMV to issue Gold Star Family specialized license plates. The vehicle must be owned by an eligible family member of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who was killed in the line of duty while on active duty during wartime service, or during an international terrorist attack that has been recognized by the United States Secretary of Defense as an attack against the United States or a foreign nation friendly to the United States, or during military operations while serving outside the United States, including commonwealths, territories, and possessions of the United States, or as part of a peacekeeping force, which includes personnel assigned to a force engaged in a peacekeeping operation authorized by the United Nations Security Council. An eligible family member is defined as all of the following:

1. A person must have a licensed vehicle registered in California.
2. A person who attaches proof of one of the following relationship to the servicemember identified on DD Form 1300 / or verifiable proof of death in combat:

Widow / Widower	Stepparent	Adoptive child	Half-sibling
Biological parent	Foster parent	Stepchild	Grandparent
Adoptive parent	Biological child	Sibling	Grandchild

Note: Attach a copy of DD Form 1300 / or verifiable proof of death in combat

Veteran Service Identification:

Name (Last, First, Middle & Suffix): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Family Member Information:

Name of Applicant: _____

Current Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Relationship to Servicemember: _____

What is the current license plate number of the vehicle that this new plate will be assigned:

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, the information I have provided is true and correct. I authorize California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) employees, officers, and designees to verify these documents.

Signature

Date

As County Veteran Service Officer of _____ County and designee of the California Department of Veterans Affairs, I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that I have reviewed the documentation required and that the above named individual meets the qualifications of the section 5156(d)(2)(C) of the State Vehicle Code.

Signature, title

Date



SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE APPLICATION

- ORIGINAL Complete Parts 1, 2, 5 REPLACEMENT Complete Parts 1, 2, 4, 5 REASSIGN, RETAIN, RELEASE Complete Parts 1, 3, 5

Special License Plates must be assigned to a vehicle currently registered in California. The department will not honor a change of choice, spacing or a request for refund after the reservation is made.

1. PLATE OWNER (Please print true full name of plate owner or purchaser)

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME
MAILING ADDRESS (STREET OR P. O. BOX)		CITY STATE ZIP CODE

2. TYPE OF PLATE ORDER:

Will be assigned to Auto Truck Trailer Motorcycle (Motorcycle plates are available in Amateur Radio License, Purple Heart, or Antique Motorcycle only.)

Plates to be placed on this vehicle, if known:	LICENSE PLATE NUMBER	VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VIN)
Documentation Required* <input type="checkbox"/> Amateur Radio License (PROVIDE CALL LETTERS) <input type="checkbox"/> Legion of Valor (TYPE OF CROSS) <input type="checkbox"/> Purple Heart Recipient <input type="checkbox"/> Antique Motorcycle <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Star Family <small>*Attach Copy of Documentation. See reverse for explanation.</small>	Certification Required* <input type="checkbox"/> Pearl Harbor Survivor <input type="checkbox"/> Horseless Carriage <input type="checkbox"/> Press Photographer <small>*Certify in Sections B, C, or E. See reverse for explanation.</small>	Documentation AND Certification Required* <input type="checkbox"/> Congressional Medal of Honor <input type="checkbox"/> Honorary Consul <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Vehicle <small>*Attach Copy of Documentation. Certify in Sections A, D, or E. See reverse for explanation.</small>

A. CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT CERTIFICATION

I certify that I am a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient. This vehicle is the only vehicle for which the exemption is requested; it will not be used for transportation for hire, compensation, or profit.

SIGNATURE	DATE
X	

B. PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR CERTIFICATION

The applicant was a member of the United States Armed Forces and stationed at Pearl Harbor, the island of Oahu, or offshore within a distance of three miles, on December 7, 1941, during the hours of 7:55 a.m. to 9:45 a.m., Hawaii time; and received honorable discharge from military service. Signature of an officer of the California Chapter of Pearl Harbor Survivors Association required.

OFFICER'S SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE	DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER ()
X			

C. PRESS PHOTOGRAPHER CERTIFICATION -- MUST BE SIGNED BY EMPLOYER

The applicant is regularly employed or engaged as a press photographer or camera person for a:

- Newspaper News Magazine News Gathering Newsreel Company Television Company

EMPLOYER'S SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE	DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER ()
X			
NAME OF COMPANY			

STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
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D. HONORARY CONSUL CERTIFICATION

I certify that I am a citizen and/or permanent resident of the United States appointed as an honorary consul or similar official by the above country for the purpose of facilitating and promoting the interest of that country. I understand that these may be placed only on a vehicle owned or leased by me, and that this application is subject to review and approval by an authorized Department of Motor Vehicles employee.

SIGNATURE	NAME OF FOREIGN COUNTRY REPRESENTED	DATE
X		

E. HISTORICAL VEHICLE AND HORSELESS CARRIAGE CERTIFICATION

Historical Vehicle License Plates

I certify that I understand these plates may only be placed on a motor vehicle manufactured after 1922, which is at least 25 years old and is of historic interest. I also certify that I understand that the vehicle for which these plates are issued may be driven in historical exhibitions, parades, or historic club activities only.

SIGNATURE	DATE
X	

Horseless Carriage License Plates

I certify that I understand these plates may only be placed on a motor vehicle manufactured in 1922 or prior, or manufactured with 16 or more cylinders before 1965. I also certify that I understand that the vehicle for which these plates are issued may be driven in historical exhibitions, parades, or historic club activities only.

SIGNATURE	DATE
X	

3. REASSIGNMENT (NOTE: Antique Motorcycle, Historical Vehicle, Horseless Carriage Plates cannot be reassigned or retained)

SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE/DISABLED PERSON LICENSE PLATE NUMBER	WERE REMOVED FROM (VIN)
PLACED ON (CURRENT LICENSE PLATE)	WITH (VIN)

RETAIN INTEREST <input type="checkbox"/> Retain for future use (Annual Fee Required) <input type="checkbox"/> Fee enclosed	RELEASE INTEREST <input type="checkbox"/> Release
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4. REPLACEMENT ONLY (NOTE: To replace disabled person license plates, use form REG 156)

NEED
 One Plate Two Plates Plate(s) were Lost/Stolen Mutilated Surrendered

5. SIGNATURE REQUIRED FOR ALL APPLICANTS

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing is true and correct.

SIGNATURE X	DATE	DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER ()
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SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES

Fees subject to change based upon legislative action.

Amateur Radio Station	Issued to a person licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). A copy of the valid FCC license must accompany the application, the plate configuration is the call letter. Licensee may obtain only one set of plates. Fees: Original \$21 Duplicate \$17 Reassignment \$12
Antique Motorcycle	Issued to a motorcycle manufactured in 1942 or before. Fees: Original \$15 Substitute \$17
Congressional Medal of Honor	Recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, receives plates at no additional cost. Certification on the application must be completed. A copy of the service record, or a copy of the letter which was given to the recipient awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, must accompany the application. Fees: None Duplicate \$17
Gold Star Family	Issued to family members of an active duty member of the Armed Forces killed in the line of duty. Family Members as defined in section 5156 of the Vehicle Code. Report of Casualty (DD 1300) form and verification of relationship of the applicant to the deceased from the California Department of Veterans Affairs must accompany the application. Fees: None Reassignment \$15 Substitute \$35
Historical Vehicle	Issued to a motor vehicle manufactured after 1922, which is at least 25 years old or older and of historic interest. Vehicle may only be driven in historical exhibitions, parades, or historic vehicle club activities. For commercial vehicles only: The Certificate of Title must be submitted with the application. Fees: Original \$25 Substitute \$17
Honorary Consul Corps	Issued to vehicle owned or leased by an honorary consular officer. A certified copy of the Letter of Notification issued by the US Department of State denoting the applicant's Honorary Consular status is required. Fees: Original \$40 Renewal \$25 Reassignment \$20 Substitute \$30
Horseless Carriage	Issued to a motor vehicle manufactured in 1922 or prior, or manufactured with 16 or more cylinders before 1965. Vehicle may only be driven in historical exhibitions, parades, or historic vehicle club activities. Fees: Original \$25 Substitute \$17
Legion of Valor	Issued to a vehicle, except motorcycle, owned by an Army, Navy, Air Force Medal of Honor, or Army Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, or Air Force Cross recipient. A copy of the service record or Department of Defense Form 214 must accompany application. Fees: None Substitute \$17
Pearl Harbor Survivor	Issued to vehicle, except motorcycle, owned by a member of the US Armed Forces stationed at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, with an honorable discharge from military service. Certification by officer must be completed on the application. Fees: None Substitute \$17
Press Photographer	One set of plates issued to a vehicle owned by anyone regularly employed or engaged as a newspaper, newsreel, or television photographer. Certification by employer must be completed on the application. Fees: Original \$21 Reassignment \$12
Purple Heart	Issued to vehicle owned by a Purple Heart recipient. Copy of orders, service record, or discharge papers showing Purple Heart Award is required with application. Fees: None Substitute \$17