

# South Carolina Veteran Related License Plates

At present South Carolina offers 19 different specialty license plates/placards to its veterans. These are shown below along with their respective prerequisites needed to order them. The plates are in most cases free. However, to have them personalized there is a fee of \$30. To apply for a customized, personal license plate You'll need to complete the **APPLICATION FOR PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATE Form MV-96** and submit up to three choices for your tag. After your application is reviewed, your license will be approved or denied. You are not guaranteed your first choice. South Carolina wants its license plates back if you move out of state. Once you're registered in your new state, surrender the South Carolina plates at any DMV office, or by mailing them to: SC Department of Motor Vehicles, P.O. Box 1498 Blythewood, SC 29016-0019. Make sure you get a receipt, in case you want to apply for a property tax refund from your county treasurer. Also make sure to surrender the plates before you cancel your South Carolina liability insurance, or you might face a \$400 fine.

## Bronze Star



The Bronze Star plate is available to SC residents who have been awarded the Bronze Star Medal. Applicants must present a form DD-214 or other official documentation certifying that s/he has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal along with a completed Application for Military License Plate (MV-37). The cost for the plate is the regular registration fee. This plate is available by mail only.

## Disabled Veteran



This plate is a free and permanent license plate and is available to individuals who submit proper certification from the Veterans Administration. Applicants must complete DMV Form MV-37 Application for Military License Plate and provide a letter or other documentation from the U.S., Regional or County Veterans Administration certifying that he or she is war time disabled veteran who:

- 1) is entitled to compensation for the loss of use of one or both legs or arms, or
- 2) has a permanent impairment of vision in both eyes to a degree as to constitute virtual blindness and is entitled to a special monthly statutory award by reason thereof, or
- 3) is a SC veteran classified as totally and permanently disabled due to service-connected disabilities as determined from the medical records on file with the U.S. or county Department of Veterans Affairs.

Limit two plates per applicant, either two vehicle plates, two motorcycle plates or one of each. The applicant cannot have four plates. The surviving spouse of a certified disabled veteran may obtain or retain the license plate until remarried. This plate allows free parking at municipal parking meters (SC Code of Laws 56-5-2585) but DOES NOT allow parking in designated handicapped (wheelchair) parking spaces. In order to be able to park in a designated handicapped parking space, qualified disabled veterans must have a Disabled Veteran Handicapped plate displaying a wheelchair emblem (See Disabled Veteran Handicapped Plate below for requirements).

## **Disabled Veteran Handicapped**



This plate is a free and permanent license plate and is available to individuals who submit proper certification from the Veterans Administration AND who are ALSO certified as permanently handicapped by their physicians. Applicants must submit a completed DMV Form MV-37 Application for Military License and a letter or other documentation from the U.S., Regional or County Veterans Administration certifying that he or she is a war time disabled veteran who:

- 1) is entitled to compensation for the loss of use of one or both legs or arms, or
- 2) has a permanent impairment of vision in both eyes to a degree as to constitute virtual blindness and is entitled to a special monthly statutory award by reason thereof, or
- 3) is a SC veteran classified as totally and permanently disabled due to service-connected disabilities as determined from the medical records on file with the U.S. or county Department of Veterans Affairs.

To obtain this plate, applicants must ALSO be certified permanently handicapped by a licensed physician on DMV form RG-007A Disabled License Plate and Placard Application and provide a prescription order from a licensed physician. Limit two plates per applicant: either two vehicle plates, two motorcycle plates or one of each. The applicant cannot have four plates. The surviving spouse of a certified disabled veteran may obtain or maintain the license plate until remarried. However, the surviving spouse must also be certified as disabled by a licensed physician. This plate allows free parking at municipal parking meters (SC Code of Laws 56-5-2585) AND ALSO allows parking in designated handicapped (wheelchair) parking spaces.

## Disabled Veteran Motorcycle



The Disabled Veteran Motorcycle is a free and permanent license plate. Applicants must submit a completed DMV Form MV-37 Application for Military License and a letter or other documentation from the U.S., Regional or County Veterans Administration certifying that he or she is a war time disabled veteran who:

- 1) is entitled to compensation for the loss of use of one or both legs or arms, or
- 2) has a permanent impairment of vision in both eyes to a degree as to constitute virtual blindness and is entitled to a special monthly statutory award by reason thereof, or
- 3) is a SC veteran classified as totally and permanently disabled due to service-connected disabilities as determined from the medical records on file with the U.S. or county Department of Veteran Affairs.

Limit two plates per applicant: either two vehicle plates, two motorcycle plates or one of each. The applicant cannot have four plates. There is no registration fee and the plate is available by mail only. This plate DOES NOT allow parking in designated handicapped parking spaces, unless it has a wheelchair decal. Applicants who are also certified permanently handicapped by a licensed physician on DMV form RG-007 Application for Disabled License Plate and Placard with an attached prescription order may receive a wheelchair decal for display on the Disabled Veteran Motorcycle plate that allows the individual to park in designated handicapped parking spaces. Motorcycles that bear a Disabled Veteran license plate (with or without a wheelchair decal) are exempt from the payment of municipal parking meter fees. (SC Code of Laws 56-5-2585)

## Gold Star Family



The Gold Star Family plate is available to immediate family members (parent, spouse, sibling or child) of fallen service personnel as certified by the Affidavit of Relationship on the application form. To apply for the plate you must present one of the following documents: DD-2064 D.O.D. Certificate of Death (Overseas) or a DD-1300 D.O.D. Report of Casualty. Each qualifying family member may receive, for vehicles registered in their name, a maximum of two plates. There is no fee for this plate.

## Korean War Veteran



The Korean War Veteran plate is available to SC residents who served on active duty during the Korean War. Applicants must present a form DD-214 or other official documentation certifying active duty service in Korea during the time period of June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1954, or provide certification of receiving the Korean War Service Medal along with a completed Application for Military License Plate (MV-37). [Click here to download this form.](#) The cost is \$20.00 every two years in addition to the regular registration fees. This plate is available by mail only.

## Medal of Honor



Applicants must submit a completed DMV Form MV-37 Application for Military License and present a letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs certifying that he/she is a recipient of the Medal of Honor. Two plates may be issued per applicant. This plate is free of charge. Vehicles that bear a Medal of Honor license plate are exempt from the payment of municipal parking meter fees. (SC Code of Laws 56-3-1855)

## National Guard



The National Guard plate is available to members of the Air National Guard, Army National Guard, Retired National Guard or State National Guard. When you apply for this plate, DMV will provide a label, which should be placed in top blue area of the plate, that reflects guard status. You must present a military I.D. that reflects either current or retired status. Only three plates may be issued per applicant. The fee for this plate is the regular registration fee.

## Pearl Harbor



The Pearl Harbor plate is available to residents who

- 1) were a member of the United States Armed Forces on December 7, 1941;
- 2) were on station on December 7, 1941, during the hours of 7:55 a.m. to 9:45 a.m., Hawaii time at Pearl Harbor, the Island of Oahu, or offshore at a distance not exceeding three miles; and
- 3) received an honorable discharge from the United States Armed Forces.

The fee is a regular registration fee plus an additional fee of fifteen dollars. All applications for Pearl Harbor survivor license plates must be verified by the South Carolina State Chairman of Pearl Harbor Survivors. Limit one plate per applicant.

## Prisoner of War



Applicants require a statement from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs certifying that he/she was a prisoner of war in WW1, WW2, Korean Conflict or Vietnam Conflict. Only two plates may be issued per applicant. This plate is free of charge.

## Purple Heart



SC Purple Heart plates are available to SC residents who are Purple Heart recipients. Applicants must complete DMV Form MV-37 Application for Military License Plate and must submit a Form DD-214, Purple Heart Citation or a letter from the U.S., Regional or County Veterans Administration certifying that the applicant is a recipient of the Purple Heart. Applicants are limited to two Purple Heart plates, either two passenger vehicle plates, two motorcycle plates or one of each. The applicant cannot have four plates. There is no registration fee for the plate and the plate is available by mail only. This plate allows free parking at municipal parking meters (SC Code of Laws 56-5-2585) but DOES NOT allow parking in designated handicapped (wheelchair) parking spaces. To park in a designated handicapped parking space, qualified Purple Heart recipients must have a Purple Heart Disabled plate displaying a wheelchair emblem (See Purple Heart Disabled plate below for requirements).

## Purple Heart Disabled Plate



SC Purple Heart Disabled plates are available to SC residents who are Purple Heart recipients and who are ALSO certified as permanently handicapped by their physicians. Applicants must complete DMV Form MV-37 Application for Military License Plate and must submit a Form DD-214, Purple Heart Citation or a letter from the U.S., Regional or County Veterans Administration certifying that he or she is a recipient of the Purple Heart. To obtain this plate, applicants must also be certified permanently handicapped by a licensed physician on DMV form RG-007 Application for Disabled License Plate and Placard with an attached prescription order. There is no registration fee for the plate and is available by mail only. Applicants are limited to two Purple Heart plates, either two passenger vehicle plates or two motorcycle plates or one of each. The applicant cannot have four plates. This plate allows free parking at municipal parking meters (SC Code of Laws 56-5-2585) AND ALSO allows parking in designated handicapped (wheelchair) parking spaces.

## Purple Heart Motorcycle



SC Purple Heart Motorcycle plates are available to SC residents who are Purple Heart recipients. Applicants must complete DMV Form MV-37 Application for Military License Plate and must submit a Form DD-214, Purple Heart Citation or a letter from the U.S., Regional or County Veterans Administration certifying that he or she is a recipient of the Purple Heart. Applicants are limited to two Purple Heart plates, either two vehicle plates or two motorcycle plates or one of each. There is no registration fee and the plate is available by mail only. This plate DOES NOT allow parking in designated handicapped parking spaces, unless it has a wheelchair decal. Applicants who are also certified permanently disabled by a licensed physician on DMV form RG-007 Application for Disabled License

Plate and Placard with an attached prescription order may receive a wheelchair decal for display on the Purple Heart Motorcycle plate that allows the individual to park in designated handicapped parking spaces. Motorcycles that bear a Purple Heart motorcycle license plate (with or without a wheelchair decal) are exempt from the payment of municipal parking meter fees. (SC Code of Laws 56-5-2585)

## Silver Star



The Silver Star plate is available to SC residents who have been awarded the Silver Star Medal. Applicants must present a form DD-214 or other official documentation certifying that s/he has been awarded the Silver Star Medal along with a completed Application for Military License Plate (MV-37). The cost for the plate is the regular registration fee. This plate is available by mail only.

## U.S. Armed Forces Retired



Applicant must provide a Form DD-214, Retirement Order, copy of military I.D. reflecting retired status or other verification that applicant is a retired member of the U.S. Armed Forces. Only two plates may be issued per applicant. The fee is \$30.00 plus the registration fee.

## U.S. Military Reserve



The commanding officer must certify on the application that he/she is an active member and is currently serving in the U.S. Military Reserve. The fee for the plate is \$30.00 plus the registration fee.



## Veteran License Plate



The Veteran license plate is available to SC residents who have served in the United States Armed Forces active or reserved components. To apply for the plate, you must present your DD-214, indicating that you were honorably discharged, or Retired Military ID card, along with a completed Application for Military License Plate (MV-37). This plate is available for both passenger vehicles and motorcycles. Only two plates may be issued to vehicles registered in the name of the veteran. The cost for this plate is the regular registration fee. No additional fees are required.

## Vietnam Veteran



Applicant must present a form DD-214 or documentation certifying that he/she was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal or that he/she served on active duty in Vietnam. The plate is only available to Vietnam War veterans who served on active duty during the period of February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975. The fee is \$20.00 every two years plus the registration fee.

## World War II



The World War II special license plate is available to all World War II veterans and their spouses for private motor vehicles registered in their name. Applicants must provide official documentation of their World War II service. The regular registration fee is the only required fee for this plate. SC Code of Laws 56-3-8800)

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