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### **SUMMARY**

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 1.6 million veterans reside in Texas. The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) supports our active duty, retired, and honorably discharged service members, and we currently offer 109 license plates honoring their commitment and sacrifice. These plates commemorate each service branch, major military events, and include meritorious medal awards and service badges. Texas veterans have used the plates in this catalog to register 144,000 vehicles. A separate catalog (Form VTR-428) features the 85 plates available exclusively to disabled veterans.

# **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.
- $\checkmark$  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 PLATE

If you would like to personalize your military specialty license plate, there will be a \$40 annual fee in addition to the annual registration fee (if required). The applications are available online at this link: <a href="http://www.txdmv.gov/motorists/for-our-troops">http://www.txdmv.gov/motorists/for-our-troops</a>. Please be sure you carefully 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 DISCOUNTED MILITARY SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATE AND VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES? Yes. Most Texas military specialty license plates are available at no extra cost; however, motor vehicle registration, local, and inspection fees still apply. A select group of Texas military plates are available for \$0 annual motor vehicle registration and local fees for one vehicle; any annual inspection fee remains due. See TxDMV's Application for Military Meritorious Service License Plates

(Form VTR-421) for details.

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

3. ARE THESE PLATES AVAILABLE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL SYMBOL OF ACCESS (ISA)? Yes. Military license plates and placards are available with the ISA.

# 4. CAN SURVIVING SPOUSES OF MILITARY VETERANS GET THESE PLATES? Yes. An unmarried, eligible surviving spouse may register one vehicle with the military specialty license plate for which their deceased spouse qualified. TxDMV's applications, available online, detail the qualifications.

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

#### 6. WHO CAN I CALL FOR HELP?

Call your local county tax assessor-collector or TxDMV Special Plates Unit at (512) 374-5010.

#### 7. WHAT STATE LAWS AUTHORIZE MILITARY LICENSE PLATES

BENEFITS? You can find the specialty license plate laws in Texas' Transportation Code; a few are summarized below for your convenience:

Persons with disabilities
Veterans with disabilities
General provisions (honorable discharge)
Surviving spouse plates
Military plates for extraordinary service
Veteran discount program (tolls)
Parking privileges: certain veterans and military award

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# TEXAS SUPPORTS OUR TROOPS

Texas offers specialty license plates that recognize the service and sacrifices of military personnel, veterans and their families. This brochure provides a catalog of military specialty license plates available for you.



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