

DMV Registration Exempt/DV Plates

Who Qualify?

You may qualify for DV License Plates if you're a veteran who was made permanently disabled as a result of an injury or disease that occurred while on active service with the U.S. Armed Forces. You qualify if any of the following apply:

- You have a disability rated at 100% by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (or the military service that discharged you) due to a diagnosed disease or disorder that substantially impairs or interferes with mobility.
- You are unable to move without the aid of an assistive device.
- You have lost the use of one or more limbs.
- You are permanently blind as defined in the California Welfare and Institutions Code §19153.

Fee Exemption

A qualified disabled veteran is exempt from paying all fees (except fees for duplicate DV License Plates, certificates, or cards if they're lost, stolen, or damaged) on one:

- Passenger motor vehicle.
- Motorcycle.
- Commercial vehicle with an unladen weight of 8,000 pounds or less not used for transportation for hire, compensation, or profit.

The disabled veteran and display DV License Plates must own the vehicle.

This fee exemption can only be use for one vehicle. Individuals who qualify for two types of exempt plates, such as DV and Ex-POW, cannot obtain both plates.

How to Apply

You will need:

- A completed Disabled Veteran Certification on the Miscellaneous Certifications (REG 256A) form.
 - The Medical Certification section of the form must be sign by a licensed physician, surgeon, chiropractor, optometrist, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or certified nurse midwife who has knowledge of the disease and/or disability.
 - In lieu of the medical certificate, DMV is required to accept a certification from the USVA certifying the veteran meets the definition of a disabled veteran.
- Your current registration card or the documentation required to register the vehicle in your name.
- The license plates currently on the vehicle (you must return them to DMV).

Complete the application process by bringing all of the above to a DMV office near you, or mail the completed application to the address on the form.

For more information about the DMV Registration Exempt DV Plate program, please click, [here](#).

The information provided on this sheet is for general information only regarding DMV Registration Exempt and DV Plate. For further information, please contact your local [Veteran Service Office](#).

Thank you.