

Veteran Service Designation/PCGL 112 VSD-001 FAQ

1. *Does California issue a driver license/identification card that shows I am a Veteran?*
 - Starting November 12, 2015, a new law allows DMV, upon request, to mark a DL/ID card with the word "Veteran" to indicate a person served in the United States (US) Armed Forces.
2. *How can I get a Veteran designation on my DL/ID?*
 - Get Records. Find an original or certified copy of your military discharge certificate (DD214). If you need assistance obtaining your military records, then contact any County Veteran Service Officer (CVSO)
 - Visit Any CVSO. Take your DD214 and government identification to any CVSO to obtain your Veteran Status Verification Form.
 - Visit Any DMV. Go on-line or call any DMV for an appointment. Then bring your Veteran Status Verification Form to DMV. Complete your application; pay any application fees in addition to a \$5.00 Veteran designation fee. You must complete all applicable application and testing requirements.
3. **To schedule an appointment at any DMV, visit www.dmv.ca.gov or call 1-800-777-0133.**
4. *How long will it take for me to receive my new DL/ID card?*
 - You will receive your new DL/ID card with the Veteran designation from DMV in the mail in approximately four weeks.
5. *Is there a fee for the Veteran designation?*
 - Yes, DMV charges a one-time \$5 fee in addition to the any DL/ID card renewal or replacement fee.
6. *Is there a charge for the Veteran verification form?*
 - No. But there is a \$5 charge at the DMV when you submit the form.
7. *Can I have the Veteran designation on both my driver license and identification card?*
 - Yes, a Veteran who currently holds both a DL and an ID card can request to add the Veteran designation to both cards. A \$5 fee will apply to each Veteran designation requested.
8. *Can I get a Veteran designation on my driver license or identification card if I show*
 - DMV my military ID card, Form DD 214 or any other document showing my military service?
 - No, a Veteran must submit a verification form from his or her County Veteran Service Officer to get a Veteran designation on a DL/ID.
9. *Can current active duty military obtain a Veteran designation on a driver license?*
 - No. For evidence of military service, a current service member can show a valid military identification card.
10. *Are there any limitations to who can obtain a Veteran designation?*
 - Yes, applicants under the age of 17 cannot obtain a DL/ID card with a Veteran designation. DMV may issue a DL/ID card with a Veteran designation only for an applicant who presents an acceptable Veteran verification form completed by a County Veterans Service Office.
11. *When Can I get the verification form from the County Veterans Service Officer?*
 - Veteran verification forms will be available starting November 12, 2015.

12. *Do I have to pay the \$5 fee and obtain another form from the CVSO each time I renew my DL/ID card?*
- No, the Veteran designation should permanently remain on a person's driver license or identification (DL/ID) card. A person will be able to renew by mail or Internet and there will not be a question that asks them if they want the Veteran designation, but the DL/ID card will be produce with the designation, if it was on his or her prior DL/ID card. If a person renews his or her DL/ID card in a DMV field office, the person will have to mark on the DL/ID application that they want to retain the Veteran designation. The person will not need to submit another VSD-001 form to DMV.
13. *How Can I remove the Veteran designation from my driver license or identification card?*
- A Veteran can request to remove the veteran designation from his or her DL/ID in a DMV field office. The Veteran designation can be removed from your DL/ID card in a DMV field office by completing Driver License or Identification Card Application (DL 44) or Commercial Driver License Application (DL 44C) and indicating that you would like the Veteran designation removed. The application for a DL/ID has a box a person can mark requesting the designation to be removed. The fee to remove the Veteran designation depends on what type of DL/ID the person has. A replacement or renewal fee for the type of DL/ID would apply. If a person wants to add the Veteran designation in the future, the \$5 fee plus any application fee would apply.
14. *How do I find a County Veteran Service Office?*
- Visit [CVSO Location](#) or Call 1-844-SERV-VETS (844-737-8838).
15. *Can dependents of Veterans obtain a driver license or identification card with a Veteran designation?*
- No, only a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service of the United States and received an other than dishonorable discharge, or, who served in a Guard or Reserve component and was mobilized for Federal Active Duty can obtain a DL/ID card with a Veteran designation.
16. *What if I have the Veteran designation on only my driver license and want to add the Veteran designation to my identification card later; do I need to get another Veteran verification form?*
- No, the documentation on your Veteran verification form will be placed on your DMV record and another verification card is not required. In addition, your driver license will contain the Veteran designation and is proof of your Veteran status.
17. *Will I have to pay another \$5 fee to replace a lost/stolen card?*
- No, if you are replacing a DL/ID card that contained a Veteran designation, an additional \$5 fee above the cost to replace the DL/ID card is not required. If you are replacing a lost or stolen DL/ID card that did not contain the Veteran designation, a \$5 fee and a verification form from your CVSO is required in addition to the replacement cost of the DL/ID.
18. *How do I obtain a copy of my DD-214?*
- If you need assistance obtaining your military records, then contact any County Veteran Service Officer (CVSO). To obtain your DD-214 on your own, submit your request via the National Archives and Records Administration webpage or call 314-801-0800.
19. *What information or documentation will the CVSO require before issuing the Veteran verification form?*

- The Veteran will need to present their Form DD Form 214, and a photo ID (such as current driver license, current passport, VA Healthcare System Enrollment Card, etc.).

20. *What are the benefits of having the Veteran designation on my DL/ID card?*

- A Veteran designation on a DL/ID card proudly recognizes military service, and is intended to enable US Veterans to access certain privileges, benefits, or compensation associated with being a Veteran without having to carry and produce their Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214).

21. *As a Senior, am I still required to pay the \$5 fee for a Veteran designation on my no fee ID Card?*

- Yes, the \$5 fee for the Veteran designation applies to all DL/ID cards, including a no-fee senior ID card or any other no-fee transaction when adding the Veteran designation.

22. *What will the Veteran designation look like?*

- The face of the DL/ID card will have the word "VETERAN" to indicate a person served in the US Armed Forces.



23. *Is there a requirement to discharge status to add the Veteran designation?*

- To find out more about discharge status requirements please contact your local CVSO by phone at (844) SERV-VET or look up your local office.

24. *Will my personal information be share with anyone other than the DMV and CVSO?*

- No, DMV and CVSOs will not share your personal information outside of entities already identified in state law.

25. *For more information about the VSD-001 please follow link below.*

- [VSD-001 Veteran Service Designation](#)

PCGL 112

1. Who is Eligible?

- Medal of Honor recipients, American Ex-Prisoners of War and 100% Disabled Veterans due to a diagnosed disease or disorder, which substantially impairs or interferes with their mobility, are eligible.

2. How do I Apply?

- Complete and signed Miscellaneous Certification DMV Form REG 256A Section A
- Have your medical provider complete Medical Certification for REG 256A Section
- Obtain a letter for the Disabled Veterans License Plate Program PCGL 112 from a U.S Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) Regional Office that states the veteran's service-connected disabilities. The veteran may obtain this letter by visiting a County Veterans Service Officer or a CalVet District Office and request the letter be mailed to their home address. The veteran may also obtain the letter by requesting it himself or herself using VA Form 21-4138.
- Submit all required documentation to a local DMV field office, or by mail to DMV at: Department of Motor Vehicles, Special Processing Unit, MS D238, P.O Box 932345, Sacramento, CA 94232-0001.

3. For more information about the PCGL 112 letter, please see the link below.

- [DMV PCGL 112 Letter.](#)