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## **STATES' ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE PLATES HONORING VETERANS**

Nearly all states have license plates available exclusively to veterans, honoring their service in general, recognizing service in a particular war or conflict, or recognizing receipt of a particular honor, such as a Congressional Medal of Honor. For license plates recognizing service in general, the states vary in their eligibility criteria, such as whether the recipient must have received an honorable discharge.

The spreadsheet attached to this memorandum summarizes information on eligibility for states' license plates honoring general military service: whether the license plate is available only to veterans or also to those actively serving, whether "veteran" and "retiree" are differentiated, and the documentation required to qualify for such a license plate. Sources are listed.

## Eligibility for Veterans and Active-duty Military License Plates

<i>Objective: Determine eligibility criteria for license plates available to U.S. military veterans, active-duty service members, or both</i>						
<b>State</b>	<b>Veteran (V), retired (R), active duty (AD) <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Type of discharge required (if veteran)</b>	<b>Documentation required</b>	<b>Number of types of military plates <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Source of eligibility criteria for veteran or active duty plate(s)</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Alabama	V	honorable discharge	retired: DD-214 indicating the type of separation is "retired," Form NRG22, form NERP (reserves); military identification card, Leave and Earnings Statement, or DD-214; if not available, certification of eligibility from the U.S. Veterans Administration	>25	Ala.Code 1975 § 32-6-292.Procedure for issuance; fees; limitations. Ala.Code 1975 § 32-6-231.1. Military distinctive license plate designation for handicapped individuals. Ala.Code 1975 § 32-6-650. Issuance of distinctive plates; fees; design.  Ala. Admin. Code r. 810-5-1-.232. United States Armed Forces Retired Distinctive License Plates.	distinguishes between "veteran" and "retired" "retired" = nondisability retirees (Ala.Code 1975 § 32-6-290)
Alaska	V, AD	not specified in statute or regulation	DD-214, a letter of verification from the Veteran's Administration, military identification card, or other comparable proof of service	14	AS § 28.10.181. Registration of unique and special vehicles . . . ; special registration plates  <a href="http://doa.alaska.gov/dmv/plates/type-veteran.htm">http://doa.alaska.gov/dmv/plates/type-veteran.htm</a>	same plate for active duty or veteran
Arizona	V	not specified in statute or regulation	DD-214, 215, 2A, 2 (retired), 2 (reserve) or 1173; original statement of honorable service from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services	16	§ 28–2414. Veteran special plates, as amended effective 9/30/2019 (2019 SB 1338, Ch. 64)  <a href="https://www.azdot.gov/motor-vehicles/VehicleServices/PlatesandPlacards/p/late-selections">https://www.azdot.gov/motor-vehicles/VehicleServices/PlatesandPlacards/p/late-selections</a>  <a href="https://dvs.az.gov/veterans-license-plates">https://dvs.az.gov/veterans-license-plates</a>	also accepts American Legion card, Disabled American Veterans card, Military Officers of America card, Veterans Administration Medical card, Veteran of Foreign Wars card, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Vietnam Veterans of America card, Active duty card, Inactive duty card
Arkansas	R	honorable record of military service or honorable discharge	retirement orders, certificate of release, DD-214	22	A.C.A. § 27-24-203. Definitions; § 27-24-204. Military and veteran special license plates and decals generally  <a href="https://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/specialty-plates/military/">https://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/specialty-plates/military/</a>	Department of Finance and Administration has authority to issue additional military service and veterans special license plates. (ACA 27-24-201) The director shall consider whether an application for an additional special license plate has been filed by either the Adjutant General or the Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs (27-24-205).  License plates available for current members of the Reserves.

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California	decals only	did not find	did not find	6 + "veteran" decals for other license plates	Cal.Vehicle Code § 5068. Application for special interest plates; fees; . . . Cal.Vehicle Code § 5068.1. Issuance of decal for veteran plates or plates honoring veterans; availability of "support our troops" decal; inventory elimination	found no state license plates specific to veterans in statutes or California Department of Veterans Affairs or Department of Motor Vehicles websites (e.g., see <a href="https://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/pages/license-plates.aspx">https://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/pages/license-plates.aspx</a> )
Colorado	V, AD	honorable discharge	DD-214 or "an honorable discharge from an armed forces branch"	29	C.R.S.A. § 42-3-213. License plates - military veterans - rules - retirement  <a href="https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dmv/license-plates-military">https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dmv/license-plates-military</a>	
Connecticut	V	honorable discharge or under honorable conditions or with qualifying condition	active duty: U.S. Uniformed Services identification or Connecticut driver's license with U.S. flag symbol  veteran: "proof of discharge" (from application form)	16	C.G.S.A. § 14-20b. Number plates for veterans and members of the armed forces.  <a href="https://www.ct.gov/dmv/cwp/view.asp?a=811&amp;q=274466">https://www.ct.gov/dmv/cwp/view.asp?a=811&amp;q=274466</a>	from C.G.S.A. § 14-20b: "veteran" means any person (1) honorably discharged from, or released under honorable conditions from active service in, the armed forces, or (2) with a qualifying condition, as defined in section 27-103, who has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active service in the armed forces. § 27-103(a)(5): "qualifying condition" means a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury made by, or an experience of military sexual trauma, as described in 38 USC 1720D . . . disclosed to, an individual licensed to provide health care services at a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs facility.
Delaware	V	honorable discharge	DD-214 or equivalent	36	21 Del.C. § 2139E. Special license plates for retired military personnel of the United States Armed Forces 21 Del.C. § 2139BB. Special license plates for military veterans  <a href="https://www.dmv.de.gov/services/vehicle_services/tags/tags_military.shtml">https://www.dmv.de.gov/services/vehicle_services/tags/tags_military.shtml</a>	retired: >=20 years of service in one or more branches of the U.S. armed services honorable discharged veteran: "DD214, NGB22 Honorably Discharged papers, Delaware DMV Veteran's ID Card, or V."

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District of Columbia	V	discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable; specified for women veterans: honorable, general, and other than honorable	DD-214, WD AGO, or DD-256 form (honorably discharged)	3	DC ST § 50-1501.02a. Issuance of Veterans License Plates. DC ST § 50-1501.02b. Issuance of women veterans license plates.  <a href="https://dmv.dc.gov/service/specialty-vehicle-tags">https://dmv.dc.gov/service/specialty-vehicle-tags</a>	
Florida	V	did not find for general veteran plates	"Proof from the U.S. Government of release or discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces"	35	F.S.A. § 320.089. Veterans of the United States Armed Forces; . . . .  <a href="https://www.flhsmv.gov/specialtytags/miltags.html">https://www.flhsmv.gov/specialtytags/miltags.html</a>	
Georgia	V, R	other than dishonorable	DD-214; "blue ID" military identification if retired	>35	Ga. Code Ann., § 40-2-85.1. Special and distinctive license plates for retired veterans of the armed forces of the United States and persons who received a military medal award or persons who have served during active military combat.	distinguishes between "veteran" and "retired" Ga. Code Ann., § 40-2-72 provides that someone "evading or violating" any provision related to military-service license plates is guilty of a felony and shall be imprisoned for 2-5 years; Ga. Code Ann., § 40-2-60.1, effective April 24, 2013, made determinations of special license plates an administrative process.  <a href="https://www.cac.mil/Uniformed-Services-ID-Card/">https://www.cac.mil/Uniformed-Services-ID-Card/</a> identifies a "blue ID" as available to retired members entitled to retired pay
Hawaii	V	honorable discharge or general discharge under honorable conditions	"documentary evidence of eligibility or certification from the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs of the State of Hawaii Office of Veteran's Services"	10	HRS § 249-9.2. Special number plates; military service  <a href="https://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/csd/onlineforms/cslmvr192.pdf">https://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/csd/onlineforms/cslmvr192.pdf</a>  <a href="http://dod.hawaii.gov/ovs/benefits-and-services/">http://dod.hawaii.gov/ovs/benefits-and-services/</a> Hawaii County form	

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Idaho	V	under honorable conditions	DD214 or an equivalent document or statement from the Department of Veterans Affairs	10	I.C. § 49-418. Veterans plates I.C. § 49-123. Definitions--V I.C. § 65-502. Definitions  <a href="http://veterans.idaho.gov/publications/idaho-military-license-plate-applications">http://veterans.idaho.gov/publications/idaho-military-license-plate-applications</a>	to qualify as a veteran, must have served on active duty for >=180 days; "honorable conditions" means an honorable discharge or a general discharge "under honorable conditions."
Illinois	V, R	from form for Army veteran plate, "any Illinois resident who participated in the U.S. Army"	DD-214 or "letter of verification from the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs or the federal government showing applicant's service record"	36	625 ILCS 5/3-624 Retired Military License Plates 625 ILCS 5/3-638 U.S. Veteran License Plates  <a href="https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/vehicles/license_plate_guide/military/">https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/vehicles/license_plate_guide/military/</a>	has both "veteran" and "retired"; documentation of retired status required
Indiana	V	conditions other than dishonorable	DD-214, DD-215, other (see "Notes" column)	12	IC 9-18.5-29-3 Application; distribution of fees (Hoosier veteran license plate) IC 9-13-2-196.5 Veteran (definition)  <a href="https://www.in.gov/bmv/2620.htm">https://www.in.gov/bmv/2620.htm</a>	veteran or Purple Heart only  (A) A United States Uniformed Services Retiree Identification Card. (B) A DD 214 or DD 215 record. (C) United States military discharge papers. (D) A current armed forces identification card. OR (E) A credential issued to the individual that contains an indication of veteran status under IC 9-24-11-5.5 ("veteran" designation on driver's license")
Iowa	V, R	at least under honorable conditions	DD-214 or other document approved by the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs; "official government or military document confirming retirement"	24	I.C.A. § 321.34. Plates or validation sticker furnished--retained by owner--special plates . . . [subsection] 12A. Special registration plates--armed forces services. . . . [subsection] 19. United States armed forces retired special plates.  <a href="https://iowadot.gov/mvd/vehicleregistration/vehicleregistration/plates/veteran">https://iowadot.gov/mvd/vehicleregistration/vehicleregistration/plates/veteran</a>	
Kansas	V, AD	honorable discharge	DD-214, current ID (see "Notes" column)	14	KSA 8-1,146. License plates for United States military; military veterans; military branch decal  form TR-102 from <a href="https://www.ksrevenue.org/dovforms.html#tr1">https://www.ksrevenue.org/dovforms.html#tr1</a>	Active Duty Military Member: General Orders; or Current Military ID Card Discharged Former Military Member: Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, form DD-214 showing at least 180 days of active service and honorable discharge

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Kentucky	V, AD	honorable discharge	current military "Armed Forces of the United States ID card" or DD-214 that shows the condition of discharge or discharge papers	27	KRS § 186.041 Special military-related license plates  <a href="https://secure.kentucky.gov/kytc/plates/web/LicensePlate/Index/e428243b-de9f-4e3e-8dc2-4fe868f4bebb">https://secure.kentucky.gov/kytc/plates/web/LicensePlate/Index/e428243b-de9f-4e3e-8dc2-4fe868f4bebb</a>	veteran must have performed 180 days of active-duty service or received early release due to injury, medical condition, convenience of the service, hardship, or disability
Louisiana	V, R	honorable discharge	DD-214, pre-DD-214 documents (for 1941-1950)	30	Policy manual, <a href="http://web01.dps.louisiana.gov/omv1.nsf/58c968bd569b099986256cdc000806eb/e0d89fd1c75e17e7862564af006cd4c5?OpenDocument">http://web01.dps.louisiana.gov/omv1.nsf/58c968bd569b099986256cdc000806eb/e0d89fd1c75e17e7862564af006cd4c5?OpenDocument</a>	statute LSA-R.S. 47:490.7 gives the agency authority for rules and regulations necessary to implement military license plates
Maine	V	honorably discharged or has served in the U.S. armed forces for >= 3 years	DD-214 or other document listed in statute (see next column)	8	29-A M.R.S.A. § 523. Certain veterans  <a href="https://www.maine.gov/sos/bmv/registration/availablevet.html">https://www.maine.gov/sos/bmv/registration/availablevet.html</a>	Armed Forces Report of Transfer or Discharge, certification from the U.S. Veterans Administration or the appropriate branch of the U.S. armed forces verifying the applicant's military service and honorable discharge, or a letter from the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services verifying active duty military service and length of service offers decals for branch of service (5), military honors (28), tribal affiliation (1)
Maryland	V	conditions other than dishonorable	DD-214 or written proof from National Personnel Records Center	73	<a href="http://www.mva.maryland.gov/vehicles/licenseplates/military-license-plates.htm">http://www.mva.maryland.gov/vehicles/licenseplates/military-license-plates.htm</a>  MD Code, State Government, § 9-901 (definition of "veteran")	most of the license plates recognize military honors
Massachusetts	V	honorable discharge or under honorable conditions	DD-214 or DD-215; honorable discharge form (WW II and Korea)	12	<a href="https://www.mass.gov/service-details/veteran-and-military-license-plates">https://www.mass.gov/service-details/veteran-and-military-license-plates</a>  M.G.L.A. 90 § 2. Registration of motor vehicles and trailers . . . M.G.L.A. 4 § 7. Definitions of statutory terms; statutory construction	documentation information is from application form
Michigan	V	honorable discharge, retired, or current member	such proof as the Secretary of State shall require	29	M.C.L.A. 257.803i. Special registration plates; members of national guard, military reserve, or armed services  <a href="https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1585_1595_1598---,00.html">https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1585_1595_1598---,00.html</a>	no specific documentation listed on form "Application for Veteran License Plate," which does require attestation: "I certify all information is correct and I am eligible for the veteran plate indicated above. I understand that use of this veteran license plate on a vehicle other than the vehicle for which the plate was issued or application by a person who is not eligible is a misdemeanor."

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Minnesota	V	honorable discharge	certified copy of discharge papers indicating character of discharge (DD-214 or equivalent, from application form)	21	M.S.A. § 168.123. Veterans; special plates  <a href="https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/dvs/Pages/search-dvs.aspx?filter1=License%20Plates&amp;filter2=Specialized%20Plates&amp;filter3=Military/Veteran">https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/dvs/Pages/search-dvs.aspx?filter1=License%20Plates&amp;filter2=Specialized%20Plates&amp;filter3=Military/Veteran</a>	"If an applicant served in the active military service in a branch of the armed forces of a nation or society allied with the United States in conducting a foreign war and is unable to obtain a record of that service and discharge status, the commissioner of veterans affairs may certify the applicant as qualified for the veterans' plates provided under this section."
Mississippi	V, R	honorable discharge	DD-214, Report of Separation from Military Service, military discharge document, or written certification of military service from the State Veterans Affairs Board	28	<a href="https://www.dor.ms.gov/TagsTitles/Pages/License-Plates.aspx">https://www.dor.ms.gov/TagsTitles/Pages/License-Plates.aspx</a>  Miss. Code Ann. § 27-19-56.12. Veterans of armed forces license plates	
Missouri	V, AD	honorable discharge	DD-214	48	V.A.M.S. 301.3054. Honorable discharge from the military special license plates, application, fee  <a href="https://dor.mo.gov/motorv/plates/specialty.php">https://dor.mo.gov/motorv/plates/specialty.php</a> Form 4601 available from that page	Application form lists these as acceptable for the various military plates: 1. Enlisted Record and Report of Separation (Form WD AGO 53-55); 2. General Orders; 6. Report of Separation and Record of Service (Form NGB 22); 3. Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (Form DD-214); 4. Correction to Form DD214 (Form DD-215); 5. Official Discharge Order from the United States Armed Forces; 6. Report of Separation and Record of Service (Form NGB 22); or 7. Current military identification card
Montana	V, AD	other than dishonorable	DD-214 or its successor; documents showing discharge; reenlistment verifying eligibility	25	MCA 61-3-458. Special plates for military personnel, veterans, spouses, and gold star families	for active or veteran (including National Guard or Reserve)
Nebraska	V, AD	honorable or general under honorable conditions	DD-214, military ID (if active duty), NGB-22	11	NRS 60-3,122.03  <a href="https://dmv.nebraska.gov/dvr/military-honor-plates">https://dmv.nebraska.gov/dvr/military-honor-plates</a>  <a href="https://www.nebraska.gov/va_registry/index.cgi">https://www.nebraska.gov/va_registry/index.cgi</a>	same plate for active duty or veteran; applicant must be eligible for, and enrolled in, the Nebraska Veteran's Registry through the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs and have served (with an honorable or general under honorable conditions discharge/separation), or be currently serving, on active duty

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Nevada	V	not specified in statute	not specified in statute or on application form	22	N.R.S. 482.3763. Support of outreach programs and services for veterans and their families: Preparation; issuance; required inscriptions . . .	The applicant certifies that he qualifies by signing the Veteran License Plate Application (SP 33). ( <a href="http://www.dmvnv.com/platesveterans.htm">http://www.dmvnv.com/platesveterans.htm</a> )
New Hampshire	V, AD	honorable discharge or uncharacterized discharge based on a service-connected injury, illness, or disability	DD-214, other specific form (listed right) or other documents approved by the director, state office of veterans services.  letter from commanding officer (active duty)	7	N.H. Rev. Stat. § 261:87-b Special Number Plates for Veterans. N.H. Rev. Stat. § 261:91 Special Number Plates. (active duty plates) N.H. Rev. Stat. § 21:50 Veteran; Armed Forces; Active Duty; Service-Connected Injury, Illness, or Disability.  <a href="https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/dmv/registration/plates.htm">https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/dmv/regist ration/plates.htm</a>	(1) DD Form 214 from any branch of the armed forces. (2) DD Form 215 from any branch of the armed forces. (3) DD Form 217 from any branch of the armed forces. (4) DD Form 2 (Retired). (5) WD AGO Form 53-55 from the U.S. Army. (6) WD AGO Form 53-98 from the U.S. Army. (7) WD AGO Form 755 from the U.S. Army. (8) NAVPERS Form 553 from the U.S. Navy. (9) NAVPERS Form 554 from the U.S. Navy. (10) NAVPERS Form 660 from the U.S. Navy. (11) NAVPERS Form 661 from the U.S. Navy. (12) NAVMC Form 70-PD from the U.S. Marine Corps. (13) NAVMC Form 78-PD from the U.S. Marine Corps. (14) NAVCG Form 2510 from the U.S. Coast Guard. (15) NGB Form 22 from the National Guard. (16) GSA Form 6954 from the National Archives. (17) NA Form 13038 from the National Archives. (18) NA Form 13041 from the National Archives. (19) Verification of Service letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs. (20) Summary of Military Service Record from the New Hampshire Korean War Bonus application. (21) Notarized statement of service letter signed by the individual's commanding officer or administrative officer. (22) Completed DD FORM 4/2, October 2007 from the National Guard. (23) Completed DD FORM 1300, February 2011.
New Jersey	V	honorable discharge	DD-214 form or Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty	unclear - some are administrative	N.J.S.A. 39:3-27.148 for military veteran motorcycle license plate	
New Mexico	V	honorable discharge or retirement	DD-214, honorable discharge certificate, and "any other documentation supporting your request for special plate and decal"	18	N. M. S. A. 1978, § 66-3-419. Special registration plates; armed forces veterans  form MVD-10353 from <a href="http://www.mvd.newmexico.gov/military-and-veterans.aspx">http://www.mvd.newmexico.gov/military-and-veterans.aspx</a>	"A person shall not falsely represent that the person was honorably discharged from the armed forces or retired from the national guard or military reserves so as to be eligible to be issued a special registration plate pursuant to this section. A person who violates the provisions of this subsection is guilty of a penalty assessment misdemeanor."

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New York	V	did not find for general veteran plates	Copy of DD-214 or Certification of Military Service (NA FORM 13038), discharge papers, or NY State driver license displaying veteran status (for general "veteran" plate)	20	<a href="https://dmv.ny.gov/plates/us-veteran-vehicle">https://dmv.ny.gov/plates/us-veteran-vehicle</a>	for certain military-related license plates, e.g., "United States Naval Armed Guard," the applicant must have been honorably discharged (NY Vehicle and Traffic Code §404 <i>et seq.</i> )
North Carolina	V	honorable discharge or under honorable conditions	DD-214	29	N.C.G.S.A. § 20-79.4. Special registration plates  <a href="https://www.milvets.nc.gov/services/military-and-veteran-license-plates">https://www.milvets.nc.gov/services/military-and-veteran-license-plates</a>  <a href="https://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/title-registration/license-plates/Pages/specialty-plate-forms.aspx">https://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/title-registration/license-plates/Pages/specialty-plate-forms.aspx</a>	to qualify as a "veteran," also must have 2 years of active duty service if enlisted after September 9, 1980, or 180 days of peace-time active duty or 90 days or war-time service if enlisted prior to September 9, 1980
North Dakota	V	honorable discharge or under honorable conditions	DD-214 or other official military discharge document	4	NDCC, § 39-04-10.10. North Dakota veterans' number plates  <a href="https://www.dot.nd.gov/dotnet2/view/forms.aspx">https://www.dot.nd.gov/dotnet2/view/forms.aspx</a>  <a href="https://www.cem.va.gov/cem/pdf/IS1_Jan_2011.pdf">https://www.cem.va.gov/cem/pdf/IS1_Jan_2011.pdf</a>	eligibility is defined by eligibility for burial in a state veterans cemetery, for which eligibility is determined by the North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs; a state veterans cemetery website references VA Publication VA-NCS-IS-1 (used as source for type of discharge and documentation)
Ohio	V, AD	honorable	DD-214, General (under honorable conditions) discharge or copy of certificate of honorable discharge  letter from individual's commander (on letterhead)	51	<a href="https://www.bmv.ohio.gov/vr-sp-military.aspx">https://www.bmv.ohio.gov/vr-sp-military.aspx</a> , honorably discharged veteran, U.S. Armed Forces Active Duty	In 2018, Ohio repealed statutes related to special license plates for veterans and requires the Director of Veterans Services in conjunction with the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to "develop and maintain a program to establish and issue nonstandard license plates recognizing military service and military honors pertaining to valor and service" <i>via</i> rules. The plates issued must include those that had been established in law.

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Oklahoma	V, R, AD	not eligible if dishonorable discharge	valid Uniformed Services Identity Card or DD-214	>50	47 Okl.St. Ann. § 1135.2 Special license plates -Armed forces . . .	"The Oklahoma Tax Commission is hereby authorized to design and issue appropriate official special license plates to persons in recognition of their service or awards as provided by this section." . . . U.S. Armed Forces license plates "shall be designed for active, retired, former or reserve members of the United States Armed Forces, and shall identify which branch of service, and carry the emblem and name of either the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard, according to the branch of service to which the member belongs or did belong"; distinguishes between "retired" and other veterans.
Oregon	V	honorable discharge	DD-214, DD-215, other (see "Notes" column)	26	O.R.S. § 805.105. Veterans' recognition registration plate program; surcharges; plate design  OAR 735-040-0090. Veterans' Recognition Registration Plates for Veterans' Groups; Restrictions on Issuance; Proof of Veteran Status	for military service before 1950, a separation document or form issued by a branch or department of the U.S. armed forces
Pennsylvania	V	honorable discharge (veteran)	DD-214, NGB22, or other (see "Notes" column)  self certification (active duty)	44	75 Pa.C.S.A. § 1364. Special plates for veterans  <a href="https://www.dmv.pa.gov/VEHICLE-SERVICES/Registration%20Plates/Military/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.dmv.pa.gov/VEHICLE-SERVICES/Registration%20Plates/Military/Pages/default.aspx</a>  <a href="http://www.dot.state.pa.us/public/dvspubsforms/BMV/BMV%20Forms/mv-150v.pdf">www.dot.state.pa.us/public/dvspubsforms/BMV/BMV%20Forms/mv-150v.pdf</a>	Form DD2(RET), "United States Uniformed Services Identification Card (retired)," or Form DD2S(RET), "United States Uniformed Services Identification Card (Retired)."
Rhode Island	V	honorable discharge	DD-214 "or other valid proof supporting your military record"	6	Gen.Laws 1956, § 31-3-53. Veterans' plates  <a href="http://www.dmv.ri.gov/plates/veteran/">http://www.dmv.ri.gov/plates/veteran/</a>	veteran only (not active duty, except National Guard); § 31-3-53: "a 'veteran' shall be defined as any person who has served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States. The term 'veteran' shall also include members of the National Guard and Reserves: (i) Called to active duty authorized by the President of the United States or the Secretary of Defense; or (ii) Who have twenty (20) years of service with a letter and record of separation of service."

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<b>State</b>	<b>Veteran (V), retired (R), active duty (AD) <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Type of discharge required (if veteran)</b>	<b>Documentation required</b>	<b>Number of types of military plates <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Source of eligibility criteria for veteran or active duty plate(s)</b>	<b>Notes</b>
South Carolina	V, R	honorable discharge	DD-214; if retired, also retirement order, military ID reflecting retired status, "or other verification"	19	<a href="http://www.scdmvonline.com/vehicle-owners/license-plates/plate-gallery">http://www.scdmvonline.com/vehicle-owners/license-plates/plate-gallery</a> ; <a href="http://scdmvonline.com/-/media/Forms/MV-37.ashx">scdmvonline.com/-/media/Forms/MV-37.ashx</a> ; Code 1976 § 56-3-4310. Issuance of plates; who is entitled; fees.	Code 1976 § 56-3-4340 (in article for plates for retired military) states it is a misdemeanor (fine <=\$200 or jail <=30 days) to "fraudulently give false or fictitious information in any application for a special license plate . . . , conceals a material fact . . . in the application for or use of a special license plate"
South Dakota	V, AD	honorable discharge or under honorable conditions	sign an affidavit attesting to service	20	SDCL § 32-5-154. Definitions regarding military specialty plates SDCL § 33A-2-1. Veteran defined  <a href="http://dor.sd.gov/motor_vehicles/license_plates/military_plates/veterans_plates.aspx">http://dor.sd.gov/motor_vehicles/license_plates/military_plates/veterans_plates.aspx</a> ; <a href="http://dor.sd.gov/Motor_Vehicles/License_Plates/Military_Plates/Active_Duty_Plates.aspx">http://dor.sd.gov/Motor_Vehicles/License_Plates/Military_Plates/Active_Duty_Plates.aspx</a> ; form from <a href="http://dor.sd.gov/Motor_Vehicles/Forms/Motor_Vehicle_Forms.aspx#Title">http://dor.sd.gov/Motor_Vehicles/Forms/Motor_Vehicle_Forms.aspx#Title</a>	SDCL § 32-5-158: "Any applicant who submits a falsified application is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor."
Tennessee	V, AD	honorably discharged	orders or a statement of discharge from the appropriate branch of the United States armed forces classifying the applicant as an honorably discharged veteran  active duty: see "Notes" column	42	T. C. A. § 55-4-253. Honorably discharged veterans or civilian veterans  <a href="https://www.tn.gov/revenue/title-and-registration/license-plates/available-license-plates/military-memorial.html">https://www.tn.gov/revenue/title-and-registration/license-plates/available-license-plates/military-memorial.html</a>	also available to civilian veterans of the Army Corps of Engineers  For active military - Current copy of Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) and stationing orders to be submitted annually upon renewal; For retired and honorable discharge military – Military ID card and one of the following in proof of status: DD Form 2A (RES), DD Form 2N (RES), DD Form 2MC (RES), DD Form 2AF (RES), DD Form 2CG (RES) or DD214 [from Revenue website]

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Texas	V, R, AD	not eligible if under conditions less than honorable	may include, but is not limited to, an official document issued by a governmental entity; a letter issued by a governmental entity on that agency's letterhead; discharge papers; or U.S. military or Department of Homeland Security identification card indicating the member is retired	184	Transportation Code § 504.301. Provisions Generally Applicable to Military Specialty License Plates Transportation Code § 504.303. Members or Former Members of United States Armed Forces  43 Texas Administrative Code § 217.43. Military Specialty License Plates  <a href="https://www.txdmv.gov/motorists/license-plates/specialty-license-plates/itemlist/category/61-military--veterans?limitstart=0">https://www.txdmv.gov/motorists/license-plates/specialty-license-plates/itemlist/category/61-military--veterans?limitstart=0</a>	
Utah	(only if military honors)	did not find general veteran plates	did not find general veteran plates	16	U.C.A. 1953 § 41-1a-418. Authorized special group license plates U.C.A. 1953 § 41-1a-421. Honor special group license plates--Personal identity requirements  Utah Administrative Code R873-22M. Motor Vehicle  <a href="https://dmv.utah.gov/plates#group">https://dmv.utah.gov/plates#group</a>	§ 41-1a-421 refers to campaign or combat theater award special group license plates being authorized by the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs Appears to have "Honors Veterans" plates with branch of service logo, "available to any person who desires to make the required contribution" to Utah Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs.
Vermont	V	conditions other than dishonorable	Vermont Certificate of Veteran Status  DD-214	11	23 V.S.A. § 304. Registration certificates; number plates; vanity and other special plates  <a href="https://dmv.vermont.gov/document/certificate-of-veteran-status">https://dmv.vermont.gov/document/certificate-of-veteran-status</a>  <a href="https://dmv.vermont.gov/registrations/license-plates/military#usveteran">https://dmv.vermont.gov/registrations/license-plates/military#usveteran</a>	certification of eligibility for a special group (e.g., former prisoner of war) required from the Vermont Office of Veterans' Affairs
Virginia	V, AD	honorable discharge	active duty or retired ID card or DD-214 showing dates of service, honorable military discharge status, and 180 days of active duty	47	VA Code Ann. § 46.2-743. Special license plates for active duty members of the armed forces of the United States and certain veterans; fees  <a href="https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/vehicles/#splates/category.asp?category=M">https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/vehicles/#splates/category.asp?category=M</a>	

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Washington	V, AD	honorable discharge	DD-214, NGB form 22, or equivalent or successor document	6 (Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, WA National Guard) + decals + emblems for certain honors or campaigns	RCWA 46.18.210. Armed forces license plates 41.04.007. "Veteran" defined for certain purposes 46.18.295. Veterans and military personnel emblems  <a href="https://www.dva.wa.gov/program/armed-forces-license-plates">https://www.dva.wa.gov/program/armed-forces-license-plates</a>	Armed forces license plates may be purchased by (a) Active duty military personnel; (b) Families of veterans and service members; (c) Members of the National Guard (NG); (d) Reservists; or (e) Veterans; . . . "Veteran" includes every person who has received an honorable discharge, received a discharge for medical reasons with an honorable record, or has DD-214, NGB form 22, or equivalent. decals indicate veteran, retired, active duty, reserves, disabled veteran, Army Guard, Air Guard, Army NG retiree, Air NG retiree, family
West Virginia	V, R	honorable discharge (for general veteran plate)	must be certified by the Department of Veterans Assistance (found no listing of acceptable documents)	38	§ 17A-3-14. Registration plates generally; description of plates; issuance of special numbers and plates; . . . as amended effective June 2019  <a href="https://transportation.wv.gov/DMV/Vehicle-Services/License-Plates/Special-Plates/Pages/Military.aspx">https://transportation.wv.gov/DMV/Vehicle-Services/License-Plates/Special-Plates/Pages/Military.aspx</a>	
Wisconsin	V, R, AD	not specified in statute or on form	DD-214 or equivalent (retired) dated letter on official letterhead signed by unit commander, plus signed verification on application form MV2653 (active duty)	>50	W.S.A. 341.14. Application for and issuance of special plates  <a href="https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/dmv/vehicles/title-plates/military.aspx">https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/dmv/vehicles/title-plates/military.aspx</a>	
Wyoming	V	honorably discharged	DD-214 or separation papers	12	W.S.1977 § 31-2-217. Special plates; Pearl Harbor survivors; national guard members; armed forces veterans; purple heart recipients  application at <a href="http://www.dot.state.wy.us/home/titles_plates_registration/specialty_plates/veteran_plates.html">http://www.dot.state.wy.us/home/titles_plates_registration/specialty_plates/veteran_plates.html</a>	§31-2-217(j) . . . "[T]he Wyoming veteran's commission shall issue a written statement establishing the applicant's eligibility to receive an armed forces license plate."

(1) Statutes differentiate among these categories.

(2) This number is approximate due to varying state classifications and unclear information and includes license plates for specific military honors; does not include motorcycle plates with same designations as passenger vehicle plates, e.g., "veteran" motorcycle plate is not counted separately; does not include decals separately.