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 Driver and Vehicle Services  
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Fees	
Plate fee	\$
Personalization fee	\$
Plate transfer fee	\$
Contribution	\$
State filing fee	\$
Local office surcharge	\$
<b>Total due</b>	<b>\$</b>

**Application for special plates**

<b>Section A</b> <b>Special plates</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> ARO/CB <input type="checkbox"/> Blackout <input type="checkbox"/> College/University School: <input type="checkbox"/> Critical Habitat Design: <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement Memorial Association <input type="checkbox"/> Lion's Club <input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota 100 Club	<b>Special plates cont.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota Golf <input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota Professional Sports Team Foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota State Parks & Trails <input type="checkbox"/> Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives <input type="checkbox"/> Remembering Victims of Impaired Drivers <input type="checkbox"/> Start Seeing Motorcycles <input type="checkbox"/> Support Our Troops <input type="checkbox"/> Other* _____	<b>Personalized collector</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Collector <input type="checkbox"/> Street Rod <input type="checkbox"/> Classic <input type="checkbox"/> Pioneer <input type="checkbox"/> Classic Motorcycle  <b>Personalized plates</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger (7 letter/number/space limit) <input type="checkbox"/> RV/One-ton pick-up (limit 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle Moped (limit 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Vertical motorcycle (limit 4)	<b>Veteran organizations</b> *Must provide membership card <input type="checkbox"/> VFW <input type="checkbox"/> American Legion <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled American Veterans  <b>Veteran/military plates</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Plate choice:  <b>Service plates</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Ambulance Attendant <input type="checkbox"/> Firefighter <input type="checkbox"/> Retired Firefighter <input type="checkbox"/> Retired Law Enforcement	
<b>Section B</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Duplicate <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer	<b>Plate being transferred:</b>	<b>Is this for a motorcycle?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
<b>Section C</b>	<b>Collector / Street Rod / Classic Motorcycle:</b> Vehicle used for general transportation that is owned or leased and registered in the name of owner/applicant listed below. Plate # _____	The following vehicles have the option of displaying one or two license plates: • 1972 and older vehicles that are used for general transportation. • Vehicles registered in one of the collector classes.		
<b>Section D</b>	Describe the vehicle on which special plates will be used:			
	Make	Year	Prev Plate	VIN
	When transferring special plates, describe the vehicle on which the plates had been used:			
	Make	Year	Prev Plate	VIN
<b>Section F</b>	Print name of applicant	Street address	City	State   Zip code
<b>Section G</b>	<b>Notice:</b> Personalized passenger vehicle plates are limited to seven characters; motorcycles, 1-ton pickup trucks and RV's are limited to six. Vertical MC plates are limited to four characters. <i>Read instructions on page two.</i> List 3 personalized plates in order of preference:   1st                   2nd                   3rd			
	Detailed explanation. <b>This area must be completed in detail or plates will not be issued.</b>			
<b>Section H</b>	<b>Additional requirements</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Amateur Radio Operator</b> I declare that I hold an official amateur radio license in good standing issued to me by the Federal Communications Commission. Date federal station license was issued: _____ ARO/CB call letters: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Volunteer Ambulance Attendant</b> I certify that I am an active member of the organization for volunteer ambulance attendants as described in the instructions below. I will immediately notify the Department of Public Safety upon the termination of my membership in this department or organization. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Firefighter</b> A letter of authorization signed by the fire department chief must be attached to the application for firefighter plate issuance. I certify that I am an active member of the fire department identified in the attached letter. I will immediately notify the Department of Public Safety upon the termination of my membership in this department or organization. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Retired Firefighter/Law Enforcement</b> A letter of authorization signed by the fire/police chief must be attached to the application for plate issuance. I certify that I was a member of the department identified in the attached letter in good standing for at least 10 years and now retired. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Certification of Ex-POW Status</b> A letter of authorization signed by the Minnesota commissioner of veteran's affairs must be attached to the application for plate issuance. The letter must certify that the applicant was a member of the military forces of the United States who was captured, separated and incarcerated by an enemy of the United States during a period of armed conflict.			
<b>Section I</b>	I certify the special plates assigned to the described vehicle will be used only on that vehicle as long as it is in my possession. I will notify the department when the special plates are transferred to another vehicle.  <b>Applicant signature</b>	<b>Date</b>		

# Instructions for application

Please read thoroughly.

Sections A, B, D, F and I must be completed when applying for any category of special plates.

## When applying for:

- **Personalized** plates complete **Section G**. A statement that adequately explains the meaning is required.
- **ARO/CB** plates complete **Section H**. Is this the first or second set of ARO plates ordered? 1st  2nd
- **Volunteer Ambulance Attendant** plates complete **Section H**.  
**NOTE:** M.S. 144E.01 Subd. 15. **Volunteer ambulance attendant.**  
"Volunteer ambulance attendant" means a person who provides emergency medical services for Minnesota licensed ambulance service without the expectation of remuneration and who does not depend in any way upon the provision of these services for the person's livelihood. An individual may be considered a volunteer ambulance attendant even though the individual receives an hourly stipend for each hour of actual service provided, except for hours on standby alert, or other nominal fee, and even though the hourly stipend or other nominal fee is regarded as taxable income for purposes of state or federal law, provided that the hourly stipend and other nominal fees do not exceed \$6,000 annually.
- **Firefighter / Retired Firefighter (Section H)** plates, an authorization letter from the fire chief is required.
- **Ex-POW** plates, a letter of authorization signed by the Minnesota commissioner of veteran's affairs must be attached to the application for plate issuance.
- **Disability** plates complete standalone **Application for Disability Plates (PS2904)**.
- **Personalized Collector, Street Rod or Classic Motorcycle** plates indicate the plate number of another vehicle owned or leased in your name and used for general transportation in **Section C**.

## New personalized plates

The fee for personalized plates is \$100 paid at the time of application. Personalized plates must have at least one letter but not more than seven characters total; it may not contain all numbers. Motorcycle, 1-ton pickup trucks and RV plates are limited to six characters. A vertical motorcycle plate is limited to four characters and may not utilize a hyphen. One space or hyphen may be placed between adjoining characters and are counted as a character for spacing.

Any personalized plate that may offend public morals or decency will not be issued. Personalized plates cannot duplicate other personalized plates, special plates or regular plates in a numbering system used or reserved by Driver and Vehicle Services.

**Important:** You must include a detailed statement that adequately explains the meaning of your license plate choice. No application without this information will be processed; a statement "I just like the phrase" is not acceptable. This explanation becomes part of the public record and will be released if a complaint is received.

**The characters 1 (one) and I ("eye") and 0 (zero) and O (oh) are deemed to be the same and may not be duplicated to create new combinations (i.e. "TIM and "T1M" are the same). The naval zero Ø is only available for Amateur Radio Operator license plates.**

## Transfer of personalized plates

When a motor vehicle is transferred/sold, the personalized plates may be retained at the option of the current owner. The rights to the plate combination will revert to the buyer of the motor vehicle. Please submit a statement that the plates are to remain with the vehicle. Personalized plates may be transferred to a new owner without the sale of the vehicle. The current owner must provide a statement relinquishing their rights to the plate combination and the new plate owner must pay the \$100 personalized plate fee.

Personalized plates may be transferred to another motor vehicle registered in your name. Complete a personalized plate application with the description of the vehicle on which the personalized plates will be displayed. You must obtain regular plates for the motor vehicle on which the personalized plates were used unless it is no longer registered in Minnesota.

If transferring the plates to a different class vehicle, (e.g., transfer from passenger class to RV class) new plates are required and combinations are limited to the number of characters allowed for that new plate type.

## Retention of personalized plates (Minnesota Rules section 7403.0950)

To retain the plate combination the vehicle must keep current registration (M.S.168.12, subd. 2a). Rights may be lost if registration expires. If there is not another vehicle to transfer the personalized plates to, a letter requesting an extension (not to exceed one year) of the rights to the combination may be submitted or your rights to that combination may be lost.

## Other special plates

This line in **Section A** exists to accommodate any special plate authorized by statute that is not represented on the form.

## Transfer of special plates (excluding personalized and disability plates.)

If the vehicle on which the special plates are now being used is sold, complete this application if you wish to transfer the special plates to another vehicle. It is your responsibility to obtain replacement plates for the vehicle on which the special plates were displayed. If the registration expiration month and year changes with the new vehicle, the special plates must be adjusted.

## Contribution plates

Contribution fees are in addition to any plate fee and are not refundable.

- Proud to be a Veteran: A one-time minimum contribution of \$30.00 to benefit the WWII memorial fund is due with initial application. Proud to be a Veteran plate contribution is due only at the time of initial application.

## Annual contribution plates

Plate contributions are collected at the time of initial application, when transferred to a new vehicle and annually when registration is renewed. You may make an additional contribution by indicating the total amount in the space provided on the application.

- **Agriculture:** The minimum annual contribution of \$20 supports Future Farmers of America (FFA) and U of M Extension Minnesota 4H.
- **Blackout:** The minimum annual contribution of \$30 supports Driver and Vehicle Services.
- **Collegiate:** The minimum annual contribution of \$25 per year supports collegiate scholarships. Indicate your design choice using the drop-down menu on page one.
- **Critical Habitat:** The minimum annual contribution is \$30 supports Minnesota critical natural habitat. Indicate your design choice using the drop-down menu on page one.
- **Law Enforcement Memorial Association:** The minimum \$25 initial contribution and annual contribution of \$5 supports families and departments of fallen officers.
- **Lion's Club:** The minimum \$25 initial contribution and annual contribution of \$5 supports Lion's Club International.
- **Minnesota 100 Club:** The minimum annual contribution of \$40 supports the MN 100 Club to benefit first responders and their families.
- **Minnesota Golf:** The minimum annual contribution of \$30 supports youth golf in Minnesota.
- **Minnesota Professional Sports Team Foundation:** The minimum annual contribution of \$30 supports the professional sports team's foundation of your choice. Indicate your design choice using the drop-down menu on page one.
- **Minnesota State Parks & Trails:** The minimum annual \$60 contribution allows entry to Minnesota state parks without additional admittance permit.
- **Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives:** The minimum annual contribution of \$25 supports impacted Indigenous families and communities.
- **Start Seeing Motorcycles:** The minimum annual contribution of \$15 supports motorcycle awareness and safety programs.
- **Support Our Troops:** The minimum annual contribution of \$30 supports veterans and veteran organizations.

### Eligibility requirements for veteran plates

In order to prove eligibility, veteran applicants are required to present a copy of their separation papers (DD 214 *or equivalent*) at the time of application. "Ex-POW" may have plates for one vehicle and must have certification from the commissioner of veterans' affairs.

<b>WORLD WAR II:</b> Served between DEC. 7, 1941 & DEC. 31, 1946	<b>COMBAT WOUNDED:</b> Awarded the Purple Heart (may still be in active service).
<b>KOREA:</b> Served between JUNE 27, 1950 & JAN. 31, 1955	<b>PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR:</b> Stationed on the island of Oahu or offshore on Dec. 7, 1941. Pearl Harbor survivor must have proof of eligibility for membership in a Pearl Harbor survivor's organization.
<b>VIETNAM:</b> Served between JULY 1, 1961 & JUNE 30, 1978	
<b>PERSIAN GULF: (<i>Gulf War</i>)</b> Served between Aug. 2, 1990 and Nov. 30, 1995 in operation Desert Storm/ Desert Shield.	<b>EX-POW:</b> Must be certified by commissioner of veterans' affairs.
<b>IRAQ:</b> Honorably discharged recipient of the Iraq Campaign Medal.	<b>MEDAL OF HONOR:</b> Awarded the Medal of Honor.
<b>AFGHANISTAN:</b> Recipient of the Afghanistan Campaign Medal.	<b>WOMAN Veteran:</b> Honorably discharged veteran from any branch of the armed services.
<b>GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM VETERAN (GWOT):</b> Recipient of the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal or the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. <i>Please note which design is requested.</i>	<b>PROUD TO BE A VETERAN:</b> Honorably discharged from any branch of the armed services.
	<b>Ready Reserve:</b> Member or retired member of the United States Armed Forces Ready Reserve: Applicant provides proof of membership.
<b>LAOS (<i>Allied Vet</i>):</b> Non-U.S. military who served in the Laos War after July 1, 1961, and before July 1, 1978. <i>Certification required</i>	<b>National Guard:</b> Regularly enlisted, commissioned or retired member of the Minnesota National Guard: Applicant provides proof of membership.
<b>SILVER STAR / BRONZE STAR</b> Applicant must provide DD214 or other documentation to show they have been awarded the corresponding service medal.	<b>VFW / American Legion / DAV:</b> Applicant provides membership card.
	<b>KOREAN DEFENSE SERVICE/ ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY:</b> Applicant must provide DD214 or other documentation to show they have been awarded the Corresponding Service Medal.

**Disposal of plates:** It is the responsibility of the applicant to properly dispose of any valid license plates assigned to the vehicle on which the special license plates will be displayed when the plates have been received. For your convenience, these plates may be returned to a deputy registrar for recycling.

**Notice:** All data collected on a motor vehicle application is required by law. All disability information is considered private by law.

**Fees:** When returning this application by mail, the required fees, including the filing fee, must be included. Make checks payable to DVS. If you have further questions, please contact Driver and Vehicle Services at 651-297-3166 or visit [drive.mn.gov](http://drive.mn.gov).

### Tennessen notice

**What is the purpose of supplying additional information?** The Department of Public Safety Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS) division collects the information on this form for identification and record keeping purposes as required by the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes, section 13.04(2). DVS also collects this information to review and issue or deny special license plates to the applicant under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 168.

**Am I required to provide this information?** No. You are not legally required to provide this information to DVS.

**What will happen if I do not provide the information?** You can refuse, however, DVS will consider your application incomplete and cannot issue special plates.

**Who will have access to this information?** DVS may disclose personal information when it relates to the operation or use of a vehicle or to public safety. The use of personal information relates to public safety if it concerns the physical safety or security of drivers, vehicles, pedestrians or property. The personal information you provide to apply for special plates is classified by United States Code section 2721, Minnesota Statutes, section 168.346, and the Minnesota Government Data

Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13, and is subject to the disclosure in accordance with these laws.