

FACT SHEET FOR MILITARY VETERAN AND VETERAN LICENSE PLATES

Military veteran license plates (Purple Heart, Disabled American Veteran, Prisoner of War, Pearl Harbor Survivor) can be used on a motorcycle or an automobile, pickup truck, or van licensed under the noncommercial vehicle license fee schedule.

A veteran may choose to use one of the 2 sets of military license plates on a motorhome or a noncommercial vehicle that is a pickup truck that weighs more than 6,000 pounds licensed under the noncommercial declared gross weight license fee schedule. In this case, the veteran pays the registration fee on the vehicle and does not pay the \$10 fee for the special plates and renewal stickers.

A veteran is restricted to a maximum of 2 sets of each type of military veteran license plates.

The license fee for the military veteran license plates is \$10 for the special license plates and renewal stickers which is assessed upon initial application and annually thereafter. No registration fee is assessed.

License plates must be surrendered in the event the veteran owner dies.

PURPLE HEART PLATES -- Any resident veteran owner of a motor vehicle who has received the Purple Heart medal. (DD Form 214, discharge papers, verifying eligibility)

SDCL 32-5-109.2

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN PLATES – Any resident veteran owner of a motor vehicle who has received the United States Veterans Administration K Award, meets the qualifications established by Public Law 187 of the Eighty-second Congress for a veteran to receive an automobile, or a veteran who has been rated as in receipt of a statutory benefit for loss or loss of use of one or more extremities, or a veteran who receives a veteran's allotment for total disability under compensation which is considered a service-connected injury. In addition, the veteran shall have incurred his disabling injuries while serving the United States in active duty during a time of war or while participating in a military mission involving armed conflict. (DV status verified through Veteran's Administration in Sioux Falls)

Applicant must furnish V.A. claim number when applying for the special plates.

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PRISONER OF WAR PLATES – Any resident of this state who was a prisoner of war while serving in the United States Armed Forces and who received an honorable discharge from the United States Armed Forces. (POW status verified through Veteran's Administration in Sioux Falls.)

Applicant must furnish V.A. claim number when applying for the special plates.

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PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR PLATES – Any resident of this state who was serving in the United States Armed Forces and survived the attack at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941, and who received an honorable discharge.

SDCL 32-5-109.1

CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR PLATES – Any resident veteran owner of a motor vehicle who has received the Congressional Medal of Honor.

These special license plates may be used on a motor home or any noncommercial vehicle licensed under the noncommercial license fee schedule or any noncommercial vehicle licensed under the declared gross weight license fee schedule.

A veteran is restricted to a maximum of 2 sets of the Congressional Medal of Honor plates.

If the veteran dies, the license plates may be retained by the veteran's family but may not be displayed beyond the expiration of the plates.

No registration fee is charged and no special license plate fee is charged for the plates or the renewal stickers.

SDCL 32-5-109.3

VETERAN PLATES – Any resident owner of a motor vehicle, who has a valid South Dakota driver's license and who signs an affidavit attesting that he/she is an honorably discharged veteran having served on active duty in the armed forces of the U.S.

The special license plates may be used on a motor home or any noncommercial vehicle licensed under the noncommercial license fee schedule or any noncommercial vehicle licensed under the declared gross weight license fee schedule. The special plates are not available for a motorcycle.

The veteran pays the registration fee and a \$10 special license plate fee. For renewal, the veteran pays the registration fee and no special plate fee.

In the event veteran dies, the special plates may be retained by the veteran's family, but may not be used beyond the plate's or renewal sticker's expiration.

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