

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

Disabled Veteran Parking License Plates

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on Disabled Veteran Parking License Plates, ch. 341, a proposed guidance document.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Comments may be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 21 days by:

1. Department's website:

<https://appengine.egov.com/apps/wi/dot/guidance-docs?guidDocId=DMV420>

2. Mailing written comments to:

Division of Motor Vehicles
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
4822 Madison Yards Way
PO Box 7336
Madison, WI 53707-7336

WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

The final version of this guidance document will be posted at wisconsin.gov to allow for ongoing comment.

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Eligibility

Disabled veteran parking license plates are available to any Wisconsin motorist who is a veteran with a permanent disability incurred while in active U.S. military service that limits or impairs the ability to walk. By legal definition, this includes any person who:

- Cannot walk 200 feet or more without stopping to rest
- Cannot walk without the use of, or assistance from, another person or brace, cane, crutch, prosthetic device, wheelchair or other assistance device
- Is restricted by lung disease to the extent that forced expiratory volume for one second when measured by spirometry is less than one liter or the arterial oxygen tension is less than 60 mm/hg on room air at rest
- Uses portable oxygen
- Has a cardiac condition to the extent that functional limitations are classified in severity as class III or IV, according to standards accepted by the American Heart Association
- Is severely limited in the ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological or orthopedic condition

A person eligible for Disabled veteran parking license plates must be an owner or lessee of the vehicle, or the beneficiary of a trust that owns or leases the vehicle.

If the disability that qualifies you for disabled parking privileges is not a result of injuries received while on active U.S. military duty, you may apply for [Disabled parking license plates](#) or a [Disabled parking identification \(DIS ID\) permit](#). Disabled parking license plates and DIS ID permits provide the same parking privileges as the Disabled veteran parking license plates.

Vehicles that qualify:

- automobiles
- motor homes (annual registration only)
- trucks
 - 4,500, 6,000 or 8,000 pounds gross weight including dual purpose farm and dual purpose motor home
 - 12,000 pounds gross weight farm truck

Disabled parking license plates use

Disabled veteran parking license plates display the International Symbol of Access and are the only military related plates issued by Wisconsin that qualify for disabled parking privileges. A motor vehicle displaying disabled parking license plates issued by Wisconsin or any other state or country is subject to all Wisconsin motor vehicle laws and qualifies for certain privileges.

- Park in spaces marked by official traffic signs reserving the space for vehicles displaying DIS or VET plates or a Disabled parking identification (DIS ID) permit
- Exempt from any parking ordinance imposing time limits of one-half hour or more, and is subject to the laws relating to parking
- Park at a municipally-owned/leased lot without payment in metered spaces when the time limit is one-half hour or more. (Payment may be required for privately-owned parking lots or those with an attendant.)
- Obtain fuel from a full-service pump at the same price as the fuel from a self-service pump at locations with both types of service, if the driver is the person with the disability. The driver of the vehicle must ask for the same price as charged for fuel dispensed from a self-service pump. The retailer is not required to provide any other service that is not provided to customers who use a self-service pump.

Things you should know:

- A person with Disabled veteran parking license plates may be issued one permanent [Disabled Parking identification \(DIS ID\) permit](#).
- If you have two valid DIS ID permits, one must be returned with the application for Disabled veteran parking license plates.
- A person with a permanent disability must be re-certified by an authorized health care specialist every four years.
- If you are a licensed driver, WisDOT may review your disability to make sure you are able to exercise ordinary and reasonable control of a motor vehicle. If the certifying health care specialist recommends a re-examination, you will be required to complete a knowledge, highway signs and road test to determine any license restrictions.
- WisDOT may cancel Disabled veteran parking license plates that were issued as a result of fraud or error or that were used by anyone not authorized to do so.
- Disabled Parking plates are valid in all 50 states and Puerto Rico.
- Upon the death of the qualifying person, Disabled veteran parking license plates must be replaced with regular plates. Credit will be given for any remaining months of registration to the surviving spouse.
- See below for information about other military-related special license plates. These plates do not provide special parking privileges.
- A \$15 fee is required each year in addition to the regular annual registration fee if you choose to receive personalized Disabled veteran parking license plates.

For more information, visit [personalized and special plates FAQs](#).

How to apply:

Disabled veteran parking license plates are not available at [DMV customer service centers](#). Applications must be mailed to the address below.

1. Complete the U.S. Veteran Disabled Parking License Plates Application [MV2172 Applicant](#) section and the complete vehicle description.
2. Have your health care specialist from a VA medical facility complete the VA certification section.
3. If you wish to receive one permanent DIS ID permit, check the box under the DIS ID permit information section.
 - When using the DIS ID permit, you must keep a copy of the completed application on your person or in the vehicle and provide it to any traffic officer for inspection upon request. Please make and keep a copy of the application, signed by your health care specialist, before sending the application to WisDOT.
4. Check whether you want personalized or non-personalized Disabled veteran parking license plates under the Personalized plate section.
5. If the vehicle you want to register with Disabled veteran parking plates is already titled/registered in your name, send:
 - A completed U.S. Disabled Veteran Parking License Plates Information and Application
 - \$15 personalized plate fee, if requested
 - The annual registration fee if your current plates expire within the next three months or you have no plates
6. If the vehicle is **not** titled/registered in your name, send:
 - A completed Wisconsin Title & License Plates Application [MV1](#), or MV11 for dealer sales, including all other fees due
 - A completed U.S. Disabled Veteran Parking License Plates Information and Application
 - The Certificate of Title assigned to you by the seller
 - \$15 personalized plate fee, if requested

- The annual registration fee if you do not have plates or your current plates expire within the next three months
- 7. If a fee is required, make the check or money order made payable to **Registration Fee Trust**.
- 8. Mail with payment to:

Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Special Plates Unit - DIS
P.O. Box 7306
Madison WI 53707-7306

Personalized license plates

Personalizing your Disabled veteran parking plates is optional. A \$15 personalized plate fee is required each year in addition to the regular annual registration fee. On the U.S. Disabled Veteran Parking License Plates Information and Application [MV2172](#), check which option you would like us to follow if your request is not available. Please allow an additional 4-6 weeks for delivery. If you do not currently have disabled parking plates or an ID card, we will send a [temporary disabled parking ID permit](#) for use until the personalized plates arrive.

Visit [Personalized Plate Search](#) to find out if your choice for a personalized license plate is available. WisDOT may refuse to issue, or may recall after issuance, a request that may be offensive to good taste or decency, misleading or conflicts with any other license plate. For more information, visit [personalized and special plates FAQs](#).

For more information:

- [Temporary license plates](#)
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