



# SPECIAL RECOGNITION LICENSE PLATE APPLICATION

For more information and to order online go to [dmv.ca.gov/Online Services](http://dmv.ca.gov/Online_Services), *Special Interest License Plates*.

- ☐ **ORIGINAL**  
Complete Sections 1, 2, 3 (if applicable), 6
- ☐ **REASSIGN, RETAIN, RELEASE**  
Complete Sections 1, 4, 6
- ☐ **REPLACEMENT**  
Complete Sections 1, 2, 5, 6

Special Recognition License Plates must be assigned to a vehicle currently registered in California. The department will not honor a change of license plate selection or a request for refund after this application is submitted.

## SECTION 1 — LICENSE PLATE HOLDER (Please print true full name of license plate holder or purchaser)

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME
MAILING ADDRESS (STREET OR P. O. BOX)		
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

## SECTION 2 — LICENSE PLATE SELECTION

Will be assigned to: ☐ Automobile ☐ Commercial ☐ Trailer ☐ Motorcycle

Motorcycle license plates are available in Amateur Radio Station, Antique Motorcycle, California Firefighter, Former American Prisoner of War, Gold Star Family, or Purple Heart Recipient. Amateur Radio Station, Press Photographer, and Horseless Carriage license plates are not available for trailers. **NOTE:** For Gold Star Family and California Firefighter Motorcycle license plates, decals are applied to a white license plate.

License plates to be assigned to this vehicle:	CURRENT LICENSE PLATE NUMBER	VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VIN)

### Documentation Required\*

- ☐ Amateur Radio Station \_\_\_\_\_ (STATION CALL LETTERS)
- ☐ Legion of Valor \_\_\_\_\_ (TYPE OF MEDAL OR CROSS)
- ☐ Purple Heart Recipient ☐ Former American Prisoner of War (POW) \_\_\_\_\_ (REQUESTED 4 DIGITS)
- ☐ Antique Motorcycle ☐ California Firefighter
- ☐ Gold Star Family ☐ Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient

\*Attach Copy of Documentation. See page 3 for explanation.

### California Firefighter Only (ELP)

#### First Choice

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#### Second Choice

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#### Third Choice

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Indicate a half space by placing a "/" in space provided. Indicate a full space by placing an "\*" in space provided.

Environmental License Plate (ELP) is subject to review and approval pursuant to *California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 13 §206.02*.

### Certification Required\*

- ☐ Historical Vehicle
- ☐ Horseless Carriage
- ☐ Press Photographer

### Documentation AND Certification Required\*

- ☐ Historical Vehicle (Commercial)
- ☐ California Firefighter (Surviving Family Member)

### Documentation AND Declaration\* – Not for Hire

- ☐ Pearl Harbor Survivor ☐ Former American Prisoner of War (POW)
- ☐ Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient ☐ Legion of Valor
- ☐ Purple Heart Recipient

\*Certify in Sections 2A or 2B.

\*Attach Copy of Documentation. Certify in Sections 2B or 2C.

\*Declare in Section 3

## A. PRESS PHOTOGRAPHER CERTIFICATION

### Regularly EMPLOYED — MUST BE SIGNED BY EMPLOYER

**NOTE:** Regularly employed means full time employment with the principal assignment as a press photographer or camera person by a newspaper, a news magazine, a news gathering company, a newsreel company, or a television station.

I certify that the applicant is regularly employed as a press photographer or camera person for a:

- ☐ Newspaper ☐ News Magazine ☐ News Gathering Company ☐ Newsreel Company ☐ Television Station

EMPLOYER'S SIGNATURE <b>X</b>	TITLE	DATE	TELEPHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS
NAME OF COMPANY			

STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
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### Regularly ENGAGED — MUST BE SIGNED BY APPLICANT

**NOTE:** Regularly engaged means devoting more than 50 percent of employment time or deriving more than 50 percent of personal income from taking pictures for newspapers, news magazines, news gathering companies, for newsreels, or for television.

I certify that I am regularly engaged as a press photographer or camera person for a:

- ☐ Newspaper ☐ News Magazine ☐ News Gathering Company ☐ Newsreel Company ☐ Television Station

SIGNATURE <b>X</b>	DATE	TELEPHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS
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**B. HISTORICAL VEHICLE AND HORSELESS CARRIAGE CERTIFICATION****Historical Vehicle**

I certify these license plates may only be placed on a motor vehicle manufactured after 1922, which is at least 25 years old, and is of historic interest. I certify that the vehicle for which these license plates are issued is primarily operated in or moved over the highway for historical exhibitions, parades, or historic vehicle club activities.

SIGNATURE <b>X</b>	DATE	TELEPHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS
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**Horseless Carriage**

I certify these license plates may only be placed on a motor vehicle manufactured in 1922 or prior, or with an engine of 16 or more cylinders manufactured prior to 1965. I certify that the vehicle for which these license plates are issued is primarily operated in or moved over the highway for historical exhibitions, parades, or historic vehicle club activities.

SIGNATURE <b>X</b>	DATE	TELEPHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS
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**C. CALIFORNIA FIREFIGHTER (Surviving Family Member) CERTIFICATION**

I certify that I am a surviving family member (spouse, domestic partner, or any child, including an adopted child, stepchild, or recognized natural child) of a deceased firefighter, retired firefighter, or volunteer firefighter. **NOTE:** Former spouse is not included as a surviving family member.

SIGNATURE <b>X</b>	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED	DATE	TELEPHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS
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**SECTION 3 — DECLARATION – NOT FOR HIRE**

I declare that the vehicle to which a Pearl Harbor Survivor, Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient, Purple Heart Recipient, Former American Prisoner of War (POW), or Legion of Valor license plate is assigned shall not be used for transportation for hire, compensation, or profit (*California Vehicle Code (CVC) §§5101.4, 5101.8 and 9105*).

SIGNATURE <b>X</b>	DATE
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**SECTION 4 — REASSIGN, RETAIN, OR RELEASE**

**NOTE:** *Antique Motorcycle, Historical Vehicle, Horseless Carriage License Plates cannot be reassigned or retained.*

SPECIAL RECOGNITION LICENSE PLATE NUMBER 	REMOVED FROM (VIN) 
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☐ Retain Interest for Future Use☐ Release Interest/Surrender to DMV☐ Reassign

PLACED ON (CURRENT LICENSE PLATE NUMBER) 	PLACED ON (VIN) 
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**SECTION 5 — REPLACEMENT**

SPECIAL RECOGNITION LICENSE PLATE NUMBER 	I NEED: <input type="checkbox"/> One License Plate <input type="checkbox"/> Two License Plates	LICENSE PLATE(S) WERE: <input type="checkbox"/> Lost <input type="checkbox"/> Mutilated <input type="checkbox"/> Stolen
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**SECTION 6 — SIGNATURE OF LICENSE PLATE HOLDER OR PURCHASER**

***I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.***

SIGNATURE <b>X</b>	DATE	TELEPHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS
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You may mail this application with payment (check or money order, please do not send cash) to:  
DMV SPU, Mail Station D238, P.O. Box 932345, Sacramento, CA 94232-3450. Or

**APPLY and PAY ONLINE at:**

***dmv.ca.gov*, Special Interest and Personalized License Plate Orders**



## SPECIAL RECOGNITION LICENSE PLATE REQUIREMENTS

<b>Amateur Radio Station</b>	Issued to the motor vehicle for which registration is sought by any person holding an unexpired amateur radio station license issued by the Federal Communications Commission. A copy of the license must accompany the application. The license plate's configuration will be the official amateur radio station call letters. Licensee may obtain only one set of license plates ( <i>California Vehicle Code (CVC) §5005</i> ).
<b>Antique Motorcycle</b>	Issued to any owner of a motorcycle manufactured in 1942 or prior. A copy of the vehicle registration must accompany the application. For a 1943 model year motorcycle manufactured in 1942, a copy of the manufacturer's Certificate of Origin or a letter from the manufacturer indicating the manufacture date of the motorcycle must be provided ( <i>CVC §5004.5</i> ).
<b>California Firefighter and California Firefighter (Surviving Family Member)</b>	Issued to a vehicle owned, co-owned, or leased by a firefighter, retired firefighter, or volunteer firefighter, or to a surviving family member (spouse, domestic partner, or any child, including an adopted child, stepchild, or recognized natural child) of a deceased firefighter, retired firefighter, or volunteer firefighter. Surviving family member does not include a former spouse. Documentation must be submitted with the application ( <i>CVC §5101.2</i> ).  Acceptable documentation is: Firefighter Department Identification (ID); International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Membership Card; or California Professional Firefighters (CPF) Callback Association Membership Card.
<b>Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient</b>	Issued to a vehicle owned or co-owned by a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient. A copy of the owner's service record, a copy of the Department of Defense form 214, or a copy of the official Congressional letter which was given to the recipient when the award was bestowed must accompany the application ( <i>CVC §5101.6</i> ).
<b>Former American Prisoner of War (POW)</b>	Issued to a vehicle owned or co-owned by a former American prisoner of war as defined in <i>CVC §324.5</i> . Documentation submitted must be one of the following: A letter of verification from the National Personnel Records Center or discharge papers declaring the bearer to be a former American POW ( <i>CVC §5101.5</i> ).
<b>Gold Star Family</b>	Issued to a vehicle owned, co-owned, or leased by an eligible family member as defined in <i>CVC §5156(d)(2)(C)</i> . The Report of Casualty (DD1300) form from the Department of Defense and the Project Gold Star License Plate Application (VSD 5 1918) from the California Department of Veterans Affairs must accompany the application.
<b>Historical Vehicle</b>	Issued for a vehicle manufactured after 1922, which is at least 25 years old, and is of historic interest. Vehicle is primarily operated or moved over the highway in historical exhibitions, parades, or historic vehicle club activities. For commercial vehicles only: The Certificate of Ownership must be submitted with the application ( <i>CVC §5004</i> ).
<b>Horseless Carriage</b>	Issued to a motor vehicle manufactured in 1922 or prior, or with an engine of 16 or more cylinders manufactured prior to 1965. Motor vehicle is primarily operated or moved over the highway in historical exhibitions, parades, or historic vehicle club activities ( <i>CVC §§5004 and 5004.1</i> ).
<b>Legion of Valor</b>	Issued to a vehicle owned or co-owned by an Army, Navy, or Air Force Medal of Honor recipient, or an Army Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, or Air Force Cross recipient. A copy of the owner's service record or Department of Defense Form 214 must accompany the application ( <i>CVC §5101.4</i> ).
<b>Press Photographer</b>	Issued to a person regularly employed or engaged as a bona fide newspaper, news magazine, news gathering, newsreel, or television photographer or camera person. The vehicle owner may obtain only one set of these license plates ( <i>CVC §5008</i> ).
<b>Purple Heart Recipient</b>	Issued to a vehicle owned or co-owned by a Purple Heart recipient. Copy of Executive Order awarding the Purple Heart, owner's service record, or Department of Defense form 214 reflecting the owner's Purple Heart Award is required with the application ( <i>CVC §5101.8</i> ).

**NOTE:** Holder includes co-holders and lessees (*CVC §460*)

### Privacy Notice on Collection

DMV collection of personal information is governed by: *California Information Practices Act, Civil Code §1798 et seq*; *Government Code (GC) §11015.5*; *California Public Records Act GC §6250 et seq.*; *California Vehicle Code (CVC) §1808*; *Driver's Privacy Protection Act (18 United States Code §§2721-2725)*.

The information collected will not be shared unless required or allowed by law. Submission is mandatory for each information item on this form. DMV uses this information to process and issue special interest, environmental license plates, and/or special recognition license plate applications. Failure to provide mandatory information may result in rejection of application. You have the right to review and request corrections/deletions of DMV maintained records containing your personal information.

Questions about this form should be directed to DMV's Customer Service Center at 1-800-777-0133. For privacy policy questions or requests contact us at: DMV Chief Privacy Officer, 2415 First Avenue, MS F127, Sacramento, CA 95818 or (916) 657-6340.

