Special Interest License Plates

What special interest plates are available in your state?

Amateur Radio Operator License Plates

- Any registered owner of a motor vehicle, who holds a current official amateur radio station license issued by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) in Washington DC, may receive amateur radio license plates bearing the owner’s call letters.
- SFN 2872 Application for Certificate of Title and Registration of a Motor Vehicle must be completed, signed, and returned with a copy of the current FCC license in the registered owner’s name and appropriate fees.

Antique (Pioneer) License Plates

- Any motor vehicle (car, truck, motorcycle and motorhome) which is at least 40 years old may be permanently licensed as an antique vehicle.
- Motor vehicles registered as an antique may not be used in the routine functions of a business or farming operation.
- License plate(s) from the year in which the motor vehicle was manufactured, or in the case of military vehicles, military identification numbers, may be displayed in lieu of distinctive number antique plate(s).
  - The license plate(s) or military identification numbers must be clean, legible and approved by the division for display.
  - The license number or military identification numbers must be greater than 10,000.
- License fee for standard number antique license plates is a onetime $10 fee.
- To apply for standard antique license plates complete SFN 2872 Application for Certificate of Title and Registration of a Vehicle.
  - Check the box for “Vehicle Registration” and write “Antique” next to the option selected at the top of the form.
  - Complete the form in full and submit to the Motor Vehicle Division along with the $10 fee for processing.
- License fee for personalized/special request antique license plates is a onetime $100 fee.
- To apply for a personalized/special request antique license plate complete SFN 53612 Personalized/Special Plate Request.
  - Complete the form in full, check the appropriate box for the plate type being requested and submit to the Motor Vehicle Division with the $100 fee for processing.
  - Personalized/special request antique license plate fee is due each time a new plate number is ordered.
Collector License Plates

- Any motor vehicle (car, truck, and motorhome) which is at least 25 years old may be permanently licensed as a collector vehicle.
- Motor vehicles registered as a collector vehicle can only be operated on public streets and highways for the purpose of driving to and from active entry and participation in parades, car shows, car rallies, or other public gatherings held for the purpose of displaying or selling the vehicle, and to or from service or storage facilities.
- **SFN 16783 Affidavit of Use for a Collector Motor Vehicle** must be completed and submitted to the Motor Vehicle Division.
  - SFN 16783 ensures the registered owner is fully aware and understands the operational restrictions associated with the collector license plate.
- License plates from the year in which the motor vehicle was manufactured may be displayed in lieu of distinctive number collector plates.
  - The license plates must be clean, legible and approved by the division for display.
  - The license number must be greater than 10,000.
- License fee for standard number collector license plates is a onetime $60 fee.
- To apply for standard collector license plates complete **SFN 2872 Application for Certificate of Title and Registration of a Vehicle**.
  - Check the box for “Vehicle Registration” and write “Collector” next to the option selected at the top of the form.
  - Complete the form in full and submit to the Motor Vehicle Division along with the $60 fee for processing.
- License fee for personalized/special request collector license plates is a onetime $160 fee.
- To apply for a personalized/special request collector license plate complete **SFN 53612 Personalized/Special Plate Request**.
  - Complete the form in full, check the appropriate box for the plate type being requested and submit to the Motor Vehicle Division with the $160 fee for processing.
  - Personalized/special request collector license plate fee is due each time a new plate number is ordered.
Disabled American Veteran (DAV) Plates

- To be eligible the Department of Veteran Affairs office must sign a letter stating the applicant is 100 percent service-related disabled or attesting eligibility under Public Law 663 of the 79th Congress, or a resident disabled veteran who has an extra-schedular rating to include individual unemployability that brings the veteran's total disability rating to 100 percent.
- SFN 2872 Application for Certificate of Title and Registration of a Motor Vehicle must be completed, signed, and returned with the certification letter.
- Qualified veterans are eligible for two (excise tax) exempt vehicles licensed with the DAV license plate at a time. A Disabled American Veteran may choose to receive standard, vanity, or any other distinctive plates instead of DAV plates and receive the DAV tax and registration exemptions. Plates may not be displayed on a vehicle with a registered gross weight exceeding 26,000 lbs.
- A surviving spouse may apply or retain the DAV excise tax exemption and registration exemption for one vehicle. A surviving spouse may apply or retain the DAV, standard, vanity, or any other distinctive plate purchased from the department. A letter from the Veterans Affairs office attesting eligibility is required.

Disabled American Veteran Mobility Impaired Plates

- To be eligible an applicant must qualify under both the DAV and Mobility Impaired qualifications.
- SFN 2872 Application for Certificate of Title and Registration of a Motor Vehicle must be completed, signed, and returned.

Farm Plates

- Trucks with a gross weight of 22,000 pounds through 105,500, owned or leased by a resident farmer who uses the vehicles exclusively for transporting the farmer’s own property or other property on a farm work exchange basis with other farmers between farms and the usual local trading places but not in connection with any commercial retail or wholesale business being conducted from those farms, are eligible for farm license.
- Resident beekeepers qualify for farm license.
- License fees are calculated by the year and registered weight of the truck.

Future Farmers of America Plates (FFA)

- SFN 53612 Special Letter Plate Request must be completed and returned with the $10 onetime fee. If requesting personalized plates with a maximum of five (5) characters (to include spaces) the fees due will be the $10 onetime fee plus the annual $25 personalized plate fee.
- Plates may not be displayed on a vehicle with a registered gross weight exceeding 20,000 lbs.
- There are no restrictions on who may apply for or display FFA license plates.
Firefighter’s Association License Plates
- You must be a member of the North Dakota Firefighter’s Association to be eligible for these plates.
- SFN 52908 Application for North Dakota Firefighter Plate must be completed and signed by the applicant, fire chief, and the executive director of the North Dakota Firefighter’s Association. The fees due will be an annual $15 fee or if requesting personalized plates with a maximum of five (5) characters (to include spaces) the fees due will be an annual $15 plus the annual $25 personalized plate fee.
- Plates may not be displayed on a vehicle with a registered gross weight exceeding 20,000 lbs.
- Upon termination of eligibility, the owner shall return the plates to the Motor Vehicle Division, along with a $5 replacement plate fee.

Gold Star Number Plates
- Gold Star Number plates are issued to a surviving spouse, parent, including stepmother, stepfather, parent through adoption, and foster parent who stands to stood in loco parentis, grandparents, child, including stepchild, and child through adoption, and sibling, including half-brother and half-sister, of a member of the armed forces of the United States who died while serving on active duty during a time of military conflict.
- SFN 59183 Application for North Dakota Gold Star Plate must be completed by the North Dakota State Veteran Affairs office. www.nd.gov/veterans.
- There is no initial fee to receive the Gold Star Number plates. Personalized Gold Star Number plates are available with a maximum of five (5) characters (to include spaces).
- Qualified applicants are eligible for one set of license plates. Plates may not be displayed on a vehicle with a registered gross weight exceeding 20,000 lbs.

Lewis & Clark Plates
- SFN 2872 Application for Certificate of Title and Registration of a Motor Vehicle must be completed and returned with the $10 plate fee and the yearly license fees. The fees due will be an annual $10 fee or if requesting personalized plates with a maximum of five (5) characters (to include spaces) the fees due will be an annual $10 plus the annual $25 personalized plate fee.

Mobility Impaired License Plates
- SFN 2872 Application for Certificate of Title and Registration of a Motor Vehicle must be completed and returned with the $5 plate fee and the yearly license fees.
- An applicant must have one (1) mobility impaired parking placard assigned to them by this division before mobility impaired license plates can be issued. If an applicant has two (2) mobility impaired parking placards they must return one placard with the signed request for the mobility impaired license plates and fee for processing. One set of plates per mobility impaired individual may be issued to a vehicle the mobility-impaired individual is not listed as the owner of if the vehicle is designated for the exclusive use of transporting the mobility-impaired individual.
National Guard License Plates
- You must be a member of the National Guard or retired after 20 years or more of service to be eligible for these plates.
- A registrant must contact the Adjutant General’s office to be assigned a National Guard license plate number. They will issue a form listing the plate number assigned and the individual eligible.
- SFN 2872 Application for Certificate of Title and Registration of a Motor Vehicle must be completed, signed and returned with the form from the National Guard and the onetime $5 fee. Personalized plates are available with a maximum of four (4) characters (to include spaces) the fees due would be the onetime $5 plus the annual personalized plate fee of $25.
- Plates may not be displayed on a vehicle with a registered gross weight exceeding 20,000 lbs.
- Upon termination of the registrant’s eligibility, the registrant shall return the distinctive number plates to the Motor Vehicle Division, who shall issue a replacement plate for a fee of $5.

Organization Plates
- SFN 54340 Organization Plate Program Application must be completed and submitted showing logo and design for Director Approval.
- Upon approval the organization must submit a signed application form SFN 54397 Application for Organization Plate for each vehicle requesting to display the distinctive plate, with a minimum of fifty (50) applicants and a one-time payment of one thousand five hundred dollars ($1,500) from the organization.
- There is an annual fee of $25 due for the Organization plate or if requesting a personalized Organization plate an annual fee of $50. The plate will be limited to only five (5) characters.
- Plates may not be displayed on a vehicle with a registered gross weight exceeding 20,000 lbs.

Personalized Plate (Vanity)
- Personalized plates are available for cars, trucks, house cars, motorcycles, trailers, travel trailers, unconventional and off highway vehicles.
- SFN 53612 Special Letter Plate Request must be completed and returned with the appropriate fees.
- All applications submitted must be approved by the Motor Vehicle Division.
- Duplicate personalized plates may be obtained for a fee of $5.
Prisoner of War License Plates (POW)

- To be eligible the Veteran’s Affairs Office must certify the applicant was a Prisoner of War.
- **SFN 2872 Application for Certificate of Title and Registration of a Motor Vehicle** must be completed, signed, and returned with the certification letter.
- Qualified veterans are eligible for two (excise tax) exempt vehicle licensed with a POW license plate at a time. Plates **may not** be displayed on a vehicle with a registered gross weight exceeding 20,000 lbs. Personalized Prisoner of War plates are available with a maximum of seven (7) characters (to include spaces).
- Upon the death of a former prisoner of war, the surviving spouse may elect to retain the POW plates for their own use until such time as they remarry. However, the surviving spouse is not entitled to the special registration rate for former prisoners of war. The surviving spouse must contact the Motor Vehicle Division to determine the correct registration fees due. Within 30 days of remarriage the surviving spouse must surrender the plates to the Motor Vehicle Division. If requested, a free commemorative plaque will be issued by the division as a keepsake for the family.

Purple Heart License Plate

- See Veterans’ Number Plates

Veterans’ Number Plates

- Individuals eligible for interment in the North Dakota Veterans’ Cemetery qualify for these plates.
- The **SFN 51628 Application for North Dakota Veterans’ Number Plate** must be completed, signed and returned with appropriate fees. To qualify for a Purple Heart plate the application must also be signed by the County Veterans’ Service Officer verifying eligibility.
- There is an initial fee of $15 to receive the Veterans’ Number plates, with an annual fee thereafter of $10. Personalized Veterans’ Number plates are an annual fee of $25 in addition to the annual fee of $10 and the yearly license fees.