

SCDMV Military License Plate Updates

Quick Reference Guide

On May 6, 2022, many new military plates will be available for purchase by eligible individuals. An updated Application for Military Plates (SCDMV Form MV-37) will outline all plates available, as well as the requirements, privileges, and fees for each plate.

A new parking privilege will be added to certain plates that will allow free parking in metered areas in the state. The design on the plate printed in the top right section, as seen below, will indicate that the plate is eligible for free metered parking in South Carolina.



Similarly, plates that allow for parking in spaces designated for people with disabilities will have a wheelchair design printed on the plate. See below for an example of a plate with a wheelchair design.



Qualifying active or prior service members may receive a maximum of three military plates per eligible plate type, and only one plate per vehicle.

Military plates will require an updated decal each year (similar to regular plates).

Permanent military plates will no longer be eligible for transfer after the new plates become available. Current permanent military plate holders will be grandfathered under the new requirements and are not required to surrender their current permanent plates. However, if the permanent plate holder wishes to transfer a plate, he or she will be required to apply for a new plate.

The SCDMV will have a voluntary plate exchange to allow permanent plate holders to exchange the plate for a new military plate.

For more information on military plates, visit the SCDMV website:
www.scdmvonline.com/Vehicle-Owners/Registration/License-Plates/Military-Plates