Florida residents with disabilities may qualify for some of the following:

### Disabled Parking Permits

**Permanent** (blue) Disabled Parking Permits are available at no charge and are valid for 4 years. To be eligible, you must have a valid Florida Driver License or ID Card and the Parking Permit application (HSMV 83039) completed by your medical provider within the last 12 months. To qualify for an additional permit, you must indicate one of the following by checking the appropriate box on the application form: Quadriplegic or Frequent Traveler.

**Temporary** (red) Disabled Parking Permits are available for $15 and are valid for up to 6 months. They cannot be renewed unless approved by your medical provider and an additional Parking Permit Application (HSMV 83039) is completed. If done within a 12-month period from the date the first original permit was issued, the second permit may be issued at no fee. Both you and your medical provider must complete the Parking Permit Application (HSMV 83039). Applications are available in most medical providers' offices or at taxcollector.com.

### Wheelchair License Plate

A wheelchair (symbol) plate may be issued to a person with permanent disabilities who has a vehicle registered in their name and a valid Florida Driver License or ID card. To request a wheelchair license plate, the Parking Permit application (HSMV 83039) must be completed by your medical provider. Section 316.1955, Florida Statutes, authorizes vehicles displaying this license plate that are transporting the person eligible for the plate, to park in a designated handicapped parking space. They may be purchased in addition to or instead of obtaining a disabled parking permit.

### Ad Valorem Property Tax Exemption

If you are 100% totally and permanently disabled or quadriplegic, you may be exempt from paying ad valorem (property) taxes on your residence (F.S. 196.101(1)). For information and the required forms, contact the Manatee County Property Appraiser at 941.748.8208.

### Free Hunting & Fishing License

If you are 100% totally and permanently disabled, you may be entitled to a free Florida hunting/fishing license. The application is available online at taxcollector.com. Submit the completed application, proof of residency and acceptable proof of disability directly to Tallahassee (the address is at the top of the application). You can also apply at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission website and submit the required documents online. When approved, you can print your free hunting and fishing license online.

### Toll Exemption Permit

This permit is a decal that affixes to the front windshield and allows the holder to pass through tolls in Florida without paying. To be eligible, you must complete a form and a medical provider must certify that “the individual is severely physically disabled and has permanent upper limb mobility or dexterity impairments which substantially impair the person’s ability to deposit coins in toll baskets…” You must also operate a vehicle specially equipped for use by the disabled. This pass is available directly from the Florida Department of Transportation. All questions and requests for information and applications should be directed to the Florida Department of Transportation at 850.410.5700.

### Sales Tax Reduction for Vehicle Modification

Items installed on motor vehicles to make them adaptable for use by persons with disabilities (such as special controls for paralysis or amputees) may be exempt from Florida sales tax. Only the customized portion would be exempt from sales tax. To be tax exempt, the items must be purchased by a person with a written prescription. A notarized written bill of sale itemizing the exempt portion(s) along with the overall total must be submitted. Information can be found at the Florida Department of Revenue website or by contacting the Florida Department of Revenue at 850.488.6800.
Retired or active duty military may qualify for a special vehicle license plate, savings and fee reductions, plus exemptions when processing title, registration, property tax and hunting & fishing licenses.

Are you a Florida Resident?
If so, you may qualify for motor vehicle related savings/fee reductions and exemptions based on your military assignment (Proof of residency, military orders and additional documentation may be required).

If you are stationed outside of Florida, you may qualify for:
- Sales Tax exemption when titling and registering vehicles purchased out-of-state that are being kept out of Florida for at least 6 months
- $225 Initial Registration Fee (IRF) exemption for original plates
- Insurance exemption, which allows the military member to submit out-of-state insurance when registering vehicles

Out-of-State Resident Registration Exemption
Out-of-state residents stationed in Florida due to military orders may be exempt from paying registration tax on vehicles they own. (Proof of residency, military orders and additional documentation may be required.)

Add Veteran’s Designation to Florida Driver License
Honорably discharged veterans may have a Veteran’s Designation added to the front of their Florida Driver License or ID card; which is the word “Veteran” in blue in the lower right corner of the card. To qualify for the Veteran’s Designation you must submit documentation proving that you are an honorably discharged military veteran. To just add the designation and not make any other changes, there is no fee. Otherwise, you will pay normal transaction fees of $25.00 and up. If you have a 100% service related disability, see our ‘No Fee Driver License/ID Card’ section on the left side of this page.

Property Taxes
Property tax exemptions are available to qualified individuals:
- Disabled Veteran
- Service-connected Permanent Disability

For details on these and other exemptions, contact the Property Appraiser’s Office at 941.748.8208 or visit the Manatee County Property Appraiser website.

Florida Salutes Veterans Plate
There is an additional annual fee for this specialty plate which is available for purchase by anyone. All proceeds go to State Homes for Veterans Trust Funds for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining domiciliary and nursing homes.

Military License Plates
For a complete list of military license plates and eligibility requirements, visit the Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles website.

Section 316.1955, Florida Statutes, authorizes vehicles displaying a Disabled Veteran, Disabled Veteran Wheelchair, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Wheelchair Symbol or a Motorcycle Wheelchair Symbol license plate, that are transporting the person eligible for the plate, to park in a space designated for handicapped parking.

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