Section:  5. Motor Vehicle License Plate Classification and Requirements

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General:

- The individuals who come under statutory definition of a mobility impaired person or a veteran who has a 50% or more service connected disability are eligible for the mobility impaired hang tag.
- The hang tags are designed to be hung from the vehicle's front windshield rear view mirror. When there is no rear view mirror, the hang tag may be displayed on the vehicle's dashboard.

Requirements:

- The term "mobility impaired person" will include any person who is impaired because of any of the following conditions:
  - Cannot walk two hundred feet without stopping to rest.
  - Cannot walk without the assistance of another person, walker, cane, crutches, braces, prosthetic device, or wheelchair. This includes individuals who are blind or have such a visual impairment that the assistance of another person to walk is necessary.
  - Is restricted by a lung disease to such an extent that the person's forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for one second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one half liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty mm/hg on room air at rest.
  - Uses portable oxygen.
  - Has a cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified in severity as Class III or Class IV according to standards set by the American Heart Association.
  - Has a diagnosed disease or disorder, including a severe arthritic, neurological or orthopedic impairment, which creates a severe mobility limitation.
**Application Process**: Each initial application must include:

- A currently dated Medical Examiner's Certification of Mobility Impairment form (DPSMV 1966). A "medical examiner" is defined as a person licensed to practice medicine in Louisiana or any other state or territory of the United States, a person licensed to practice chiropractic by the Louisiana State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, a person licensed by the Louisiana State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, or an advanced practice registered nurse.
- In the case of a disabled veteran, a decision letter or an affidavit from the Veterans Affairs Office attesting to the veteran's disability. A veteran who currently has a Disabled Veteran's license plate is not required to submit a separate Medical Examiner's Certificate of Mobility Impairment. He is eligible to receive a "permanent" hang tag at no charge at initial issuance.
- The certification must indicate the type of impairment as follows:
  - **Permanently Impaired** - Certification must state the physical condition which qualifies the applicant for a hang tag is a permanent condition. A mobility impaired hang tag will be issued with a four (4) year expiration date. Recertification WILL NOT be required upon renewal.
  - **Temporarily Impaired** - Certification must state the physical condition which qualifies the applicant for a hang tag is temporary (one year or less). A mobility impaired hang tag will be issued with a one (1) year expiration date. If the temporary mobility impairment persists past a year from the date of issuance, an additional certification must be submitted upon renewal of temporary hang tag.
- Up to three (3) additional hang tags may be issued on behalf of a person with a mobility impairment. Only one fee ($3.00) will be accessed. Only one (1) Mobility Impaired ID card will be issued.
- **Note** - A faxed copy of the Medical Examiner's Certification of Mobility Impairment is acceptable if it is received directly from the doctor's office.

**Applicant is Unable to Visit the Office** - If the applicant cannot visit a Motor Vehicle Office, he must submit the following:

- **First Time Issuance**
  - A currently dated medical examiner's certification form or, in the case of a disabled veteran, proof of a special disabled veteran license plate, a decision letter or an affidavit from the Office of Veteran Affairs and a separate medical examiner's certification which indicates the applicant is unable appear in person at the Office of Motor Vehicles.
  - A color photograph of the applicant.
- **Renewal Only**
  - If the applicant has a permanent status - mobility ID and expired hang tag
  - If the applicant has a temporary status - a currently dated Examiner's Certification of Mobility Impairment form (DPSMV 1966) or, in the case of a disabled veteran, a decision letter or an affidavit from the Office of Veteran Affairs and a separate medical examiner's statement indicating the applicant is unable to appear in person at the Office of Motor Vehicles.
  - A color photograph of the applicant.
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Related Policies:
Section 4, Policy 14.00 [Mobility Impaired License Plates](#)