

Vehicle Licensing Guide

Military Surplus Vehicle License Plates VLIC-4.311

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POLICY	
Title: Military Surplus Vehicle License Plates	
Effective Date: July 01, 2018	Revision Date: July 01, 2024
Authority: Code of Virginia § 46.2-694 , 46.2-711 , 46.2-100 , 46.2-730.1	
Policy: On receipt of an application and evidence that the applicant owns, leases, or has regular use of another passenger car, autocycle, or motorcycle, DMV will issue permanent Military Surplus Vehicle (MSV) license plates to owners of qualifying military surplus vehicles. <<<<<REVISION Customers must maintain minimum liability insurance to purchase permanent Military Surplus Vehicle license plates. END REVISION>>>>>	
Exception: N/A	

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DEFINITIONS

MILITARY SURPLUS VEHICLE – A multi-purpose or tactical vehicle that was manufactured by, or under the direction of the United States Armed Forces, for off-road use and subsequently authorized for sale to civilians. Specifically, this includes High Mobility Multi-Purpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWV) also known as Humvees. This DOES NOT include the street legal Hummer, H2, or H3.

MILITARY SURPLUS VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES – Permanent limited use license plates issued by DMV for use on a military surplus vehicle for: participation in off-road events, on road club activities, exhibits, tours, parades and similar events, for the purpose of selling the vehicle, obtaining repairs or maintenance, transportation to and from the aforementioned events, and occasional pleasure driving NOT to exceed 125 miles from the address where the vehicle is principally garaged.

OVERVIEW

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IMPORTANT: Starting January 1, 2019, applications for original titling of military surplus vehicles can be processed in Customer Service Centers as well as DMV Select offices. These applications are no longer sent to the Titling Work Center for processing.

Military Surplus Vehicle license plates are available for qualified military surplus vehicles. This does not include standard passenger motor vehicles, trailers or specialized mobile equipment. **END REVISION>>>>>**

- A permanent military surplus registration requires a one-time registration fee (shown on the [VSA 10M](#)).
- All military surplus vehicles with permanent military surplus plates state “LIMITED USE” on the registration card, and are subject to the following use restrictions:
 - The vehicle is restricted to participation in off-road events, on road club activities, exhibits, tours, parades, and similar events, as well as for occasional pleasure driving within 125 miles from the location where the vehicle is principally garaged.
 - The vehicle may be driven on highways of the Commonwealth in order to obtain repairs or maintenance, or for the purpose of selling the vehicle.

- The vehicle is not to be used for general transportation purposes, i.e. driving to and/or from the owner's place of employment.

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- Military surplus vehicles are not eligible for antique, vintage plates, or general use plates. **END REVISION>>>>>**

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Beginning January 1, 2019, Military Surplus Vehicles are only eligible for permanent Military Surplus Vehicle License Plates. Customers that currently have an antique or general use registration for a military surplus vehicle may retain that registration as long as they own the vehicle. **END REVISION>>>>>**

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CUSTOMER REQUIREMENTS

1. For vehicles not yet titled in Virginia, submit the Application for Certificate of Title and Registration ([VSA-17A](#)), other required ownership documents and fees for titling a motor vehicle.
 2. Submit one of the following completed and signed applications:
 - Application for Registration, ([VSA 14](#))
 - License Plate Application, ([VSA 10](#)) to apply for souvenir, personalized, or special license plates
 3. Submit the Military Surplus Vehicle License Plate Applicant Certification ([VSA 10M](#)) along with the required application(s) when applying for Military Surplus Vehicle plates.
 - Certification must be with original signatures (no photocopies).
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- Customer must certify they own, or have regular use of, another passenger car, autocycle, or motorcycle and that the vehicle, autocycle, or motorcycle is capable of being safely operated on Virginia roadways. **END REVISION>>>>>**
4. Pay the required fees.

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FRONT COUNTER CSR

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1. For vehicles not yet titled in Virginia, process a title transaction in accordance with [VLIC-3.000](#) before registering the vehicle and issuing license plates. **END REVISION>>>>>**
2. Verify accurate completion of the [VSA-14](#) or [VSA 10](#) application.

NOTE: Check for the following identifying information: (This list is not all inclusive)

 - MAKE: AM General, Stewart and Stevenson (Stuart and Steve) or Stevenson
 - BODY STYLE: HMMWV
 - VIN: Typically, a 6 digit Vehicle Identification Number

NOTE: Vehicles titled out of state that have been assigned a new Vehicle Identification Number may not have a 6-digit VIN.

 - US Government form [SF-97](#)

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3. Verify accurate completion of the [VSA 10M](#) certification. **END REVISION>>>>>**
4. If multiple registrations exist for the vehicle, ask the customer which plates he wishes to retain.
 - Transactions will not process in the system if multiple registrations/plates exist for the vehicle for which the VSA 10M certification has been submitted.
7. Review the printed registration card for Military Surplus Vehicle license plates to ensure that "LIMITED USE" appears on the left side of the card and give the registration to the customer.
 - For error messages, double-check the title number and re-key the transaction.
8. Continue processing the registration in accordance with [VLIC-4.000](#).

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DMV CONTACT CENTER ACTIONS

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Advise customers calling DMV Contact Center that titles for military surplus vehicles are now processed by a Customer Service Center or DMV Select office. Prior to January 1, 2018, these applications were only processed in the Titling Work Center. **END REVISION>>>>**

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POINTS TO REMEMBER

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- Effective January 1, 2019 Military Surplus Vehicles are only eligible for limited use Military Surplus Vehicle (MSV) license plates. **END REVISION>>>>**
- The registration card for a vehicle with a permanent Military Surplus Vehicle registration will indicate that the vehicle or trailer is for "LIMITED USE."

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- Military surplus vehicles are not eligible for antique, vintage, or general use license plates. Owners that currently have antique plates, or general use plates on a military surplus vehicle may keep the plates as long as they remain the owner of the vehicle. **END REVISION>>>>**
- Owners of military surplus vehicles registered with Military Surplus Vehicle license plates who are convicted of violating the military surplus license plate statute (46.2-730.1) are subject to (i) a Class 4 misdemeanor and (ii) revocation of the license plates registered to the military surplus vehicle involved in the violation for a period of 5 years from the date the conviction data is received by DMV.
- A standard passenger vehicle purchased at a military surplus sale or auction is not eligible for Military Surplus Vehicle license plates.
- For a reissue of lost or stolen Military Surplus Vehicle License Plates, refer to [VLIC-4.115](#).

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RELATED LINKS

- Military Surplus Motor Vehicles: A Guide to Registering and Driving Your Vehicle ([DMV 298](#))
- [License Plates](#)
- Vehicle Type Reference Guide ([DMV 275](#))-Not to be distributed to the customer.

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CONTACT

For additional information contact:

- Your CSC Manager/Assistant Manager
- DMV Contact Center Help Desk at (804) 367-6646
- VSA/Titling Work Center

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