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Special plates for reservists, veterans and active duty personnel.

- (A) "Applicant" means any reservist, veteran or person on active duty who applies to the registrar of motor vehicles for the registration of any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, or recreational vehicle, or other motor vehicle eligible under the Revised Code that the person owns or leases, either singly or jointly, for the purpose of obtaining special license plates for a reservist or a veteran, or a person on active duty renewal thereof.
- (B) "Reservist" means any person who at the time of verification is a member of the reserves of the armed forces of the United States.
- (C) "Veteran" means any person who served in the armed forces of the United States in wartime military service.
- (D) "Wartime military service" means military service in the armed forces of the United States during World War I or during World War II, during the Korean conflict or in Korea during the Korean conflict, during the Vietnam conflict or in Vietnam during the Vietnam conflict, or in Saudi Arabia or Kuwait during the Persian Gulf war, or in Panama during the invasion of 1989, in Grenada during the invasion of 1983, or in Lebanon during the mission of 1982.
- (E) World War I includes only the following periods: April 6, 1917, thorough November 11, 1918; for veterans who served in Russia, April 6, 1917, through April 1, 1920, extended through July 1, 1921, for veterans who had one day of service between April 7, 1917, and November 11, 1918.
- (F) World War II includes only the period December 7, 1941, through December 31, 1946.
- (G) The Korean conflict includes only the period June 27, 1950, through January 31, 1955.
- (H) The Vietnam conflict includes only the period August 5, 1964, through May 7, 1975.
- (I) The Persian Gulf war includes only the period August 2, 1990, through a date to be set by law or presidential proclamation.
- (J) "Invasion of 1989" means the period December 20, 1989, through January 31, 1990.
- (K) "Invasion of 1983" means the period October 23, 1983, through November 23, 1983.

- (L) "Mission of 1982" means the period August 25, 1982, through February 26, 1984.
- (M) Any person on active duty or reservist in any branch of service for the United States may be an applicant. The application shall be accompanied by a written certification of the applicant's commanding officer that the applicant is on active duty or is a member in good standing of the reserves of the armed forces of the United States or by an equivalent document satisfactory to the registrar. Subsequent verification shall be submitted as directed by the registrar.
- (N) Any veteran may be an applicant. A veteran's application shall be accompanied by a copy of the applicant's DD-214 form showing eligibility for veteran license plates or other document satisfactory to the registrar. Subsequent verification shall be submitted as directed by the registrar.
- (O) Each veteran license plate shall be inscribed with identifying letters or numerals as prescribed by the registrar and the word "veteran"; in addition, each veteran license plate shall be inscribed with a design and words, prescribed by the registrar, indicating service in Panama, in Grenada, in the Persian Gulf war, during or in the Vietnam conflict, during or in the Korean conflict, during World War II, or during World War I. Each veteran license plate shall carry a county sticker when applicable. Each reservist license plate shall be inscribed with a design and words as prescribed by the registrar. The words prescribed may be used in lieu of the county sticker on a reservist license plate.
- (P) The special license plate shall be the same size and dimensions as a regular license plate. The registrar, with the assistance of the department of veteran services and the institute of heraldry, shall design the license plate.
- (Q) An applicant shall be entitled to license plates or a validation sticker for any number of vehicles.
- (R) A veteran may apply for designation of wartime military service in only one wartime period for each set of license plates.
- (S) The registrar may cancel the registration and seize the special license plates and sticker of any reservist, veteran or person on active duty who is no longer eligible for such plates at the beginning of the next succeeding registration period, or of any reservist, veteran or person on active duty whose driver's license is suspended for violation of any law or rule.

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