

If you are a Disabled Veteran with a 100% Disability Rating, you may be eligible for Disabled Veterans License Plates, which exempts you from payment of the vehicle registration and license fees. See Disabled Veterans License Plates Fact Facts (FFVR 7V).

Permanent DP Placard Renewal

You do not need to renew your permanent placard. DMV will automatically mail your new placard and identification card to the address shown on DMV records. If your address has changed, you must file a change of address with DMV to ensure the placard will be mailed to your most recent address.

To file a Change of Address (DMV 14) form, you may:

- Download the form at www.dmv.ca.gov, complete it, and mail it to the address on the form or
- Call 1-800-777-0133 to have the form mailed to you.

DMV's online service for filing the DMV 14 is **not** available for placards.

Once issued, a permanent DP parking placard does **not** require recertification by your licensed medical professional.

Replacing Your DP Placard if it is Lost, Stolen, or Mutilated

You may obtain a substitute placard if your original (permanent or temporary) is lost, stolen, or mutilated. You must:

- Submit a completed and signed Application for Replacement Plates, Stickers, Documents (REG 156).
- Surrender the placard if it is mutilated.
- Submit a substitute placard fee for temporary placards only; permanent and travel placards are replaced with no fee charged.
- Mail the completed application to:

DMV Placard
PO Box 942869
Sacramento, CA 94269-0001

You will receive your parking placard in approximately four weeks after you submit the completed form.

NOTE: You can make an appointment online or by telephone to take the completed application to a DMV office near you.



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Go online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at www.dmv.ca.gov to:

- Renew your vehicle registration.
- Renew your driver license.
- Calculate registration fees.
- Verify & update vehicle registration insurance suspension information.
- Take a sample driver license test.
- Order special license plates.
- Get forms, brochures, and handbooks.
- Find answers to your DMV questions.
- Make appointments (except commercial driving test*).

Call 1-800-777-0133 for automated service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to:

- Make an appointment (except commercial driving test*).
- Renew your vehicle registration or driver license (see your renewal notice for the Renewal ID Number-RIN).
- Get forms and publications.
- Listen to general information.
- Verify & update vehicle registration insurance suspension information.

*To make a commercial driving test appointment or speak with a technician, call 1-800-777-0133 during our normal business hours:

- 8-5 Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Friday.
- 9-5 on Wednesdays.

For hearing impaired service call TTY 1-800-368-4327.

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Disabled Person Parking Placards and License Plates

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Registration Requirements At a Glance



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Who Qualifies for a Disabled Person (DP) Parking Placard or License Plates?

You may qualify for a DP placard or DP license plates if you have impaired mobility due to having lost use of one or more lower extremities, or both hands, or have a diagnosed disease that substantially impairs or interferes with mobility, or one who is severely disabled to be unable to move without the aid of an assistive device. You may also qualify if you have specific, documented visual problems, including lower-vision or partial-sightedness.

How to Apply for a DP Placard or License Plates

For a DP placard you must:

- Complete and sign an Application for Disabled Person Placard or Plates (REG 195).
- Have a licensed physician, surgeon, chiropractor, optometrist, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or certified midwife that has knowledge of the disease and/or disability sign the Doctor's Certification section of the REG 195.
- Submit fees when requesting a temporary placard.
- Mail the original completed and signed application to the address on the form.

For DP license plates, you must:

- Complete and sign an Application for Disabled Person Placard or Plates (REG 195).
- Have a licensed physician, surgeon, chiropractor, optometrist, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or certified nurse midwife that has knowledge of the disease and/or disability sign the Doctor's Certification section of the REG 195.
- Provide the current registration card in your name or documents to register the vehicle in your name.
- Pay the normal registration fees due on the vehicle.
- Surrender the license plates currently on the vehicle.

Medical Certifications

- A licensed physician, surgeon, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or certified nurse midwife that has knowledge of the disease and/or disability must sign the Doctor's Certification section of the Application for Disabled Person Placard or Plates (REG 195).
- A licensed chiropractor may certify to the disability of a person who has lost, or has lost the use of one

or both lower extremities, or who has significant limitation in the use of their lower extremities.

- A licensed optometrist, physician, or surgeon, who specializes in diseases of the eye may also certify and sign the Doctor's Certification of the REG 195.

You do not need a Medical Certification under the following conditions:

- You have lost a lower extremity or both hands, and you appear in person at a local DMV office and submit a completed Application for Disabled Person Placard or Plates (REG 195).
- You currently have a permanent California DP placard, or DP license plates, or Disabled Veteran (DV) license plates assigned to your vehicle, and the license plate number is entered in part B of the REG 195.

Types of DP Parking Placards

- **Permanent parking placard** for permanent disabilities. Valid for two years and expires on June 30 of every odd-numbered year.
- **Temporary parking placard** for temporary disabilities. Valid for up to 180 days (six months) or the date noted by your qualifying licensed medical professional on the application, whichever timeframe is less, and cannot be renewed more than six times consecutively.
- **Travel parking placard for California residents** who currently have a permanent DP parking placard or DP or DV license plates. Valid for 30 days from the date DMV issues it.
- **Travel parking placard for nonresidents** who plan to travel in California and have a permanent disability and/or DV plates. Valid for up to 90 days or the date noted by your licensed medical professional on the application, whichever timeframe is less.

NOTE: You are allowed to have only one permanent placard at any given time.

Disabled Person Parking Privileges

Once you have a valid DP placard, DP license plates, or DV plates, you may park:

- In parking spaces with the International Symbol of Access (wheelchair symbol).
- Next to a blue curb authorized for persons with disabilities parking.
- Next to a green curb (green curbs indicate limited timeparking) for as long as you wish. There is no

time limit with a DP placard, DP license plates, or DV license plates.

- In an on-street metered parking space at no charge.
- In an area that indicates it requires a resident or merchant permit.

In addition to parking privileges, service stations must refuel a disabled person's vehicle at self-service rates unless the service facility has only one employee on duty.

Disabled Person Parking Limitations

You may not park:

- In spaces marked with a crosshatched pattern next to a parking space with the International Symbol of Access (wheelchair symbol). These spaces are for wheelchair and wheelchair lift access.
- Next to red curbs, which indicate **no** stopping, standing, or parking.
- Next to yellow curbs, which are for commercial vehicles to load and unload passengers or freight.
- Next to white curbs, which are for loading and unloading passengers or depositing mail in an adjacent mailbox.

Important

You are the only person who can use the parking placard or plates for parking or service station privileges. It is illegal to do the following (and you may be subject to citation and fines):

- Lend your placard to another.
- Forge a licensed medical professional's signature.
- Use someone else's placard.
- Possess or display a counterfeit placard or license plates.
- Provide false information to obtain a placard or license plates.
- Alter a placard or placard identification card.

Placard abuse can result in the cancellation and revocation of the placard and loss of the privileges it provides, and is punishable by an applicable penalty. *California Vehicle Code (CVC) §§1825, 4461, 4463, 21458, 22511.5, 22511.6, 22511.7, 22511.55, 22511.59, and Business and Professions Code §13660.*