

DISABILITY LICENSE PLATE/PLACARD

Summary of Changes

Sections B, D and E of the policy were revised to conform to Laws 2013, Chapter 162.

Purpose

To establish guidelines for the issuance of a Disability license plate and/or placard.

Policy

- A. The Division is authorized to issue a Disability license plate and/or placard upon receiving a properly completed Disability-Hearing Impaired Plate/Placard Application, form #96-0104. The application must state:
- Individual: whether the applicant is permanently or temporarily physically disabled or hearing impaired
 - Organization: that the vehicle is primarily used to transport physically disabled persons
- B. The medical certification portion of the Disability-Hearing Impaired Plate/Placard Application must be completed by:
- Physically disabled: an authorized physician, a registered nurse practitioner (RNP also known as NP), or a hospital administrator,
 - Hearing impaired: A person licensed to practice medicine in the United States or a certified audiologist

Note: Medical reports or letters describing the disability are not accepted. A 100% disabled veteran may submit a copy of the person's certificate of 100% disability issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs along with the Disability-Hearing Impaired Plate/Placard Application in lieu of the medical certification. Applicants with a Disability/Hearing impaired plate or placard authorized by another state may include on the application the existing Placard/Plate number and the state of issue in lieu of the medical certification.

- C. The Disability plate and/or placard may be issued to an individual or to an organization as follows:
- A Disability plate or Permanent placard is issued when an individual is permanently physically disabled or to an organization that owns or leases a motor vehicle that primarily transports physically disabled persons
 - A temporary Disability placard is issued when an individual is temporarily physically disabled
 - The Disability license plate will not be issued to a trailer
- D. The Disability placard is issued to an applicant and may be displayed in any vehicle (upon parking) which they are operating or are a passenger.
- Up to three placards may be issued if the department determines that the applicant's request demonstrates why the placards are required.

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- The Permanent disability placard is valid for five years
 - A notarized Disability Placard Renewal/Replacement, form #40-0112 is required every five years
 - The Temporary disability placard is valid for six months
 - A new application and medical certification is needed if the temporarily disabled person requires/requests a subsequent temporary disability placard
- E. Nonprofit organizations, that provide assistance to senior citizens, may be issued up to three permanently disabled placards and shall maintain records on each volunteer who uses placards to transport persons who are temporarily or permanently disabled.
- F. The Disability plate/placard shall display the International Symbol of Access (♿).
- Permanent disability placard is blue and white
 - Temporary disability placard is red and white
 - For a vehicle for which two disability plates are issued, one plate shall be placed on the rear of the vehicle and one plate on the operator's wheelchair carrier or wheelchair lift when it is attached to the vehicle
 - A second registration tab is not required for the wheelchair carrier or wheelchair lift license plate
- G. The Disability plate may be personalized, see Policy [12.2.32 Personalized License Plate](#).
- An initial personalization fee of \$25 is required
 - An annual personalization renewal fee of \$25 (does not apply to Veteran and Veteran Motorcycle special plates, see Policy [12.2.38 Veteran Special Plate](#))
 - Two plates are issued
 - See [Postage and Handling Fees](#) Chart for information on postage
- H. Pursuant to A.R.S § 28-2409, the Division does not charge additional fees for the issuance, renewal or transfer of a Disability plate.
- I. The Division does not charge a fee when issuing an initial, renewal or replacement Temporary/Permanent placard.

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Steps: [Disability Placard Temporary](#), [Disability Placard Permanent](#), [Disability Placard Temporary/Permanent Renewing](#)