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# Disabled Persons, Veterans and Military Special Offers

Florida residents with disabilities may qualify for some of the following items

## **Disabled Parking Permits**



<u>Permanent</u> (blue) Disabled Parking Permits are available at no charge and are valid for 4 years. To be eligible, you must have a valid Florida Driver License or ID card and the Parking Permit application (<u>HSMV 83039</u>) completed by your medical provider within the last 12 months. To qualify for an *additional* permit, you must indicate one of the following by checking the appropriate box on the application form: *Quadriplegic* or *Frequent Traveler*.





Temporary (red) Disabled Parking Permits are available for \$15 and are valid for up to 6 months. They cannot be renewed unless approved by your medical provider and an additional Parking Permit Application (HSMV 83039) is completed. If done within a 12-month period from the date the first original permit was issued, the second permit may be issued at no fee. Both you and your medical provider must complete the Parking Permit Application (HSMV 83039). Applications are available in most medical providers' offices or at taxcollector.com.

## Wheelchair License Plate

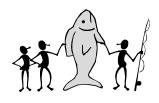


A wheelchair (symbol) plate may be issued to a person with permanent disabilities who has a vehicle in their name and a valid Florida Driver License or ID card. To request a wheelchair license plate, the Parking Permit application (HSMV 83039) must be completed by your medical provider. This license plate allows the vehicle's owner to park in a designated handicapped parking space and may be purchased *in addition to* or *instead of* obtaining a disabled parking permit.

## Ad Valorem Property Tax Exemption

If you are 100% totally and permanently disabled or quadriplegic, you <u>may</u> be exempt from paying ad valorem (property) taxes on your residence {F.S. 196.101(1)}. For information and the required forms, contact the **Manatee County Property Appraiser** at 941.748.8208.

## Free Hunting & Fishing License



If you are 100% totally and permanently disabled, you *may* be entitled to a free Florida hunting/fishing license. The application is available online at <u>taxcollector.com</u> by accessing Forms > Hunting & Fishing. Submit the completed application, proof of residency and acceptable proof of disability directly to Tallahassee (the address is at the top of the application). You can also apply at <u>myfwc.com/ada</u> and submit the required documents online. When approved, you can print your free hunting and fishing license online.

## **Toll Exemption Permit**

This permit is a decal that affixes to the front windshield and allows the holder to pass through all toll roads in Florida without paying. To be eligible, you must complete a form and a medical provider must certify that "the individual is severely physically disabled and has permanent upper limb mobility or dexterity impairments which substantially impair the person's ability to deposit coins in toll baskets..." This pass is available directly from the Florida Department of Transportation. All questions and requests for information and applications should be directed to the Florida Department of Transportation at 850.410.5700.

## Sales Tax Reduction for Vehicle Modification

Items installed on motor vehicles to <u>make them adaptable for</u> <u>use by persons with disabilities</u> (such as special controls for paralysis or amputees) may be exempt from Florida sales tax. Only the customized portion would be exempt from sales tax. To be tax exempt, the items must be purchased by a person with a written prescription. A notarized written bill of sale itemizing the exempt portion(s) along with the overall total must be submitted. Information can be found at <a href="http://dor.myflorida.com/dor">http://dor.myflorida.com/dor</a> or by contacting the Florida Department of Revenue at 800.352.3671.

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Note: The information in this document is believed to be correct and is subject to change and is not warranted. Veterans-DisabilitiesBrochure – Last Update: 07/09/2013

### Are you a Florida Resident?



If so, you may qualify for motor vehicle related savings/fee reductions and **exemptions** based on your military assignment (*Proof of residency, military* orders and additional documentation may be required).

If you are **stationed** outside of Florida, you *may* qualify for:

- ◆ Sales Tax exemption when titling and registering vehicles purchased out-of-state that are being kept out of Florida for at least 6 months
- ◆ \$225 Initial Registration Fee (IRF) exemption for original plates
- ◆ Insurance exemption, which allows the military member to submit out-of-state insurance when registering vehicles

### **Out-of-State Resident Registration Exemption**

Out-of-state residents stationed in Florida due to military orders may be exempt from paying registration tax on vehicles they own. residency, military orders and additional documentation may be required.)

#### Need to complete your title by mail?



Only Manatee County residents may print the necessary forms on our website taxcollector.com/services title mail.asp!

#### Reduced Fee Driver License

If you have a 100% service related disability, you may be entitled to a reduced fee Florida Driver License. For more information contact the State Customer Service Center in Tallahassee, 850.617.2000. apply in person at a Tax Collector's Office, the fee will be \$6.25.

### **Hunting & Fishing Licenses**

Florida residents who are active or retired military are entitled to the Military Gold Sportsman's License at a reduced fee of \$20 annually. For more information, visit myfwc.com/license/.

## Add Veteran's Designation (V) to Florida Driver License

Honorably discharged veterans may have a Veteran's Designation added to the front of their Florida Driver License or ID card; which is a blue "V" in the lower right corner of the card. To qualify for the Veteran's Designation you must submit documentation proving that you are an honorably discharged military veteran. To just add the "V" designation and not make any other changes, the fee is \$8.25. Otherwise you will pay normal transaction fees of \$32.25 and up. If you have a 100% service related disability, see our 'Reduced Fee Driver License' section on the left side of this page.

## **Property Taxes**

Property tax exemptions are available to qualified individuals:

- Disability Veteran
- Service-connected Permanent Disability

For details on these and other exemptions, contact the Property Appraiser's Office at 941.748.8208 manateepao.com.



## Florida Salutes **Veterans Plate**

There is an additional annual fee for this specialty plate which is available for purchase by anyone. All proceeds go to State Homes for Veterans Trust Funds for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining domiciliary and nursing homes.



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**Purchase Duplicate** Registrations & Change Your Address

Renew, Replace or Change Address on Florida Driver License

Pay Current Year Property Tax, Buy Hunting & Fishing Licenses & More!

#### The following military license plates are available at our offices to qualified individuals who provide proof of eligibility



FL Resident & 100% Disability from VA & Form 83007\*



Purple Heart Medal Recipient & Form 83034\*



**Combat Action Badge Recipient** & Form 83034\*



FL Resident, 100% Disability from VA & Form 83007\*



**Proof of Active Duty** During Op. Enduring Frdm. & Form 83034\*



Combat Infantry Badge Recipient or Association Member & Form 83034\*



**Decorated Parachutist** or US Army Jump School & Form 83034\*



Proof of Active Duty During Op. Iraqi Frdm. & Form 83034\*



Proof of Vietnam War Veteran & Form 83034\*



Active or Retired FL National Guard & Form 83034\*



Active or Retired **US Reserve Member** & Form 83034\*



Proof of Korean Conflict Veteran & Form 83034\*



Proof of Ex-POW Status & Form 83034\*



Paralyzed Veterans of America Member



Proof of Op. Desert Storm Veteran & Form 83034\*



**Proof of Pearl Harbor** Active Duty & Form 83034\*



Relative of Fallen Service Member & Form 83034\*



Proof of Op. Desert Shield Veteran & Form 83034\*