

Looking for License Plates?

Get the FACTS!

Montana License and Registration for Service Members and Veterans

The Montana Motor Vehicle Division offers numerous specialty plates that let you show your military pride.

When you title and register your vehicle in Montana, go to www.dojmt.gov/driving/license-plates, and check out these plates that you may proudly display. We offer specialty military plates for the following:

- Active Armed Forces Service Members
- National Guard and Reserve Service Members
- Gold Star Family • Retired Service Members
- Next-of-Kin • Disabled Veterans
- Purple Heart Recipients • Prisoners of War
- Pearl Harbor Survivors • Legion of Valor

Military experience can count toward certification

A member of the armed services who has been regularly employed operating a military vehicle that is equivalent to a commercial motor vehicle, may be eligible to have the Skills test portion waived to obtain a Montana Commercial Driver License.

Out Of State?

If you are out of state and wish to obtain a military exemption or to renew your Montana driver license, the forms are available in the Driver License Forms & Manuals section of our website: www.dojmt.gov/driving/driver-licensing-forms

Questions?

Motor Vehicle Division Customer Care Center
Telephone: (866) 450-8034
Email for Mail In and Military only:
MTMail-MilitaryLicenses@mt.gov



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Do I need a new license?

The Montana Motor Vehicle Division welcomes the men and women of the military stationed in Big Sky Country

Driver Licenses and ID Cards

Military personnel on active duty in Montana who have a valid license issued by another state and who are not employed in Montana, except as a member of the armed forces, do not need a Montana driver license.

The spouse of military personnel stationed in Montana must get a Montana driver license within 60 days of becoming employed in Montana, or 30 days if they hold a Commercial Driver License.

Military personnel who have a valid Montana driver license when they enter active duty may apply for Military exemption on their driver license by completing form 34-1303 by mail. This new driver license is valid until 30 days after an honorable discharge.

From the date of honorable discharge, Military personnel have 30 days to present discharge papers to remove the Military exemption. This process must be done at an exam station. Failure to do so within 30 days will require retaking the written and road tests.

Please make an appointment at:
www.dojmt.gov/driving

Did you enlist or are you stationed in Montana?

Active Duty Who Enlisted in Montana

Military exemption of registration and other fees may be granted for active duty service members of the armed forces, including active status National Guard and Reserve members. Those in this category who enlisted in Montana and are stationed outside of Montana may submit the Application for Military Registration (form MV53) to apply for exemptions.

Exemption may be applied to multiple motor vehicles and trailers registered for any time frame, including permanent registration, as long as member is active duty at time of registration.

Registration fees for Title 23 vehicles (boats, snowmobiles, and off highway vehicles) are not exempt - all registration fees apply.

All forms and more information are available online at:
www.dojmt.gov/driving

Military Stationed in Montana

Nonresidents serving in Montana per the Service Members Civil Relief Act of 2003 (formerly known as the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Act of 1940) are granted an exemption from registration and other applicable fees. This applies to ALL vehicle types.

Are you a veteran?

Veteran Designation

Montana law gives qualified veterans the option to have the word "Veteran" displayed on the front of their driver license. This designation makes it easier for veterans to receive government benefits and other privileges they may be entitled to. There are four steps to receive this designation:

1. Obtain documentation from the Montana Veteran Affairs division confirming your veteran status. As this is a state designation, federal documentation cannot be accepted.
2. Complete the Add Veteran Designation to Driver License or ID Card application (form 21-3000).
3. Pay the appropriate fee with cash, check, or money order.
 - Replacement Driver License with Veteran Designation - \$10
 - Replacement ID Card (can only be done in person) - \$16 (\$8 if under 21)
4. Make an appointment at www.dojmt.gov/driving to have the designation added to your driver license at an exam station. Bring all of the items listed above.

OR

Mail all the items listed above to the address at the top of form 21-3000. Cash cannot be accepted by mail.

