

WAC 308-96A-046 Qualified veteran's free license. (1) Who qualifies for the free licensing, authorized by RCW 73.04.110 and 46.16.305?

(a) Disabled American veterans and former prisoners of war, as defined in RCW 73.04.110;

(b) A veteran awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor as defined in RCW 46.16.305; and

(c) Surviving spouses of a deceased former prisoner of war as defined in RCW 73.04.115, who is named as a registered owner, including lessees, may register and receive regular or special license plates for one personal use vehicle. The personal use vehicle is exempt from the annual license tab fee as defined in RCW 46.16.0621. Other taxes and fees may apply.

(2) What vehicles are considered personal use vehicles? For purposes of this section, "personal use vehicle" means passenger vehicles in reference to disabled veteran's, prisoners of war and congressional medal of honor plates, means vehicles not used for commercial purposes including: Passenger vehicles, motor homes, motorcycles, and trucks with designated gross vehicle weight not exceeding twelve thousand pounds. Registration ownership must be in the name of the individual and not in the business name.

(3) Will I be subject to other taxes and fees? Yes, other taxes and fees may apply depending on the type of license plate requested and where you live.

(4) What must be provided to qualify for a veteran's free license? If the applicant is:

(a) A disabled American veteran, must provide a letter of eligibility from the Federal or Washington state veteran's administration or the branch of military service from which the veteran was discharged confirming disability under RCW 73.04.110 with the license plate application.

(b) A former prisoner of war or a veteran awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor must provide a confirmation of eligibility from the Federal or Washington state veteran's administration or the branch of military service from which the veteran was discharged.

(c) The surviving spouse of a deceased former prisoner of war may be issued a regular or special prisoner of war license plate even if the deceased had not been issued a plate under RCW 73.04.115 even if the deceased had not been issued a plate under RCW 73.04.110. In addition to confirming eligibility, the surviving spouse must furnish the following:

(i) A copy of the death certificate of the deceased former prisoner of war; and

(ii) An affidavit that the applicant is not currently married.

(5) May I transfer my veteran license plate to another qualifying vehicle? Yes, you may transfer your veteran license plates by notifying the department and paying the appropriate transfer fees in effect.

(6) If I choose to keep the vehicle from which the veteran license plate was removed, do I need to register it? Yes, if you choose to continue to use the vehicle on the highway, the vehicle must be registered under chapter 46.16 RCW.

(7) How do I dispose of the veteran license plate if I no longer qualify? The veteran license plate must be disposed of as required by WAC 308-96A-098.

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