



Texas Department of Motor Vehicles

SB 792 - Disabled Veteran Plates and Parking Privileges

Overview



As of January 1, 2022, anyone parking in a disabled parking space must have a disabled person license plate or a disabled parking placard that features the International Symbol of Access (ISA). Currently, disabled veteran license plates do not feature the ISA.

Texans with disabled veteran license plates wishing to use disabled parking spaces in 2022 may apply for a disabled parking placard or for a new disabled veteran license plate featuring the ISA. The veteran must meet the eligibility requirements for a disabled parking placard or disabled person license plate featuring the ISA. Not all disabilities that qualify a veteran for disabled veteran license plates will qualify a veteran for a disabled veteran license plate featuring the ISA.

As of January 1, 2022, you may apply for a disabled parking placard and/or disabled veteran license plate at the office of your local county tax assessor-collector:

1. For a **disabled parking placard**, download the Application for Persons with Disabilities Parking Placard and/or License Plate (Form VTR-214):
https://www.txdmv.gov/sites/default/files/form_files/VTR-214.pdf.
2. For a **disabled veteran license plate with or without the ISA**, download the Application for Disabled Veteran License Plates and/or Parking Placard (Form VTR-615):
https://www.txdmv.gov/sites/default/files/form_files/VTR-615.pdf.
3. Have your doctor or health care provider complete the Disability Statement section of the application or provide an original prescription.
4. Submit the completed application(s) and payment (if applicable) to your county tax office.

Currently issued disabled parking placards will remain valid; however, the new requirements must be met at time of renewal.

Questions and Answers

1. What is the legal definition of a disability?

A medical condition that meets the legal definition of a disability determines the eligibility for a disabled person placard and disabled person license plate. "Disability" means a condition in which a person has:

- Visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting lenses;
- Visual acuity of more than 20/200 but with a limited field of vision in which the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle of 20 degrees or less; or

- Mobility problems that substantially impair the ability of a person to move around; these problems can be caused by:
 - Paralysis.
 - Lung disease.
 - Uses portable oxygen.
 - Cardiac deficiency.
 - Wheelchair confinement.
 - Arthritis, neurological, or orthopedic condition.
 - Foot disorder.
 - Other medical condition causing a person to use a brace, cane, crutch or other assistive device.

2. I am qualified to receive disabled veteran license plates, and my disability is included in the legal definition of a disability. What do I need to do to obtain new license plates that feature the International Symbol of Access (ISA)?

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3. I am disabled with a service-connected disability, but my disability is not included in the legal definition of a disability. Do I have to give up my current disabled veteran license plates?

No, you do not have to give up your current disabled veteran plates; however, as of January 1, 2022, you may no longer use disabled parking spaces.

4. I currently have a disabled veteran license plate. Can I transfer my existing paperwork to receive a new license plate that includes the International Symbol of Access (ISA)?

No, you must complete a new application to receive a new license plate that includes the ISA.

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5. Why will I no longer qualify to park in a disabled parking space when I qualify to receive disabled veteran license plates due to my disability?

Senate Bill 792, which takes effect on January 1, 2022, was signed into law by Governor Abbott following the 87th Texas Legislature. The bill analysis, which was conducted as part of the legislative process, explains the intent of the bill:

“Currently any person with a disabled veteran license plate may utilize handicapped parking regardless of whether or not they are mobility impaired. Organizations such as the Paralyzed Veterans of America and Disabled American Veterans have asked for this to be changed as it has often led to a lack of handicapped parking, especially at Veterans Administration facilities.”

The history of the bill is available at <https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/history.aspx?LegSess=87R&Bill=SB792>.

6. Do I still qualify for no-cost registration renewal of my disabled veteran license plates if I do not qualify for license plates featuring the International Symbol of Access (ISA)?

The first set of regular disabled veteran license plates will continue to be \$3, and no annual registration fee is required.

7. My city allows me to park for free at the airport because I have disabled veteran license plates on my vehicle. Will I have to pay for parking if I do not qualify for the disabled veteran license plates featuring the International Symbol of Access (ISA)?

No. Changes as a result of Senate Bill 792, which takes effect on January 1, 2022, will not require you to pay for parking you are currently exempt from. State law allows vehicles that display disabled veteran license plates to park free of charge at parking meters operated by a governmental authority other than the federal government.

Note: A person should not assume all local and state parking will be free. Please be aware that some private and local government parking garages (for example, airports) are bound by local ordinances, and may not exempt parking fees in some situations. Some federal facilities require an ISA either on the plates or a disabled person placard be displayed.