

# Veteran Specialty Plates



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To honour Veterans, the Province of BC has introduced a Veteran Specialty Plate.

Veteran Plates can be used on motor homes and most passenger vehicles such as SUV's, station wagons, sedans, and convertibles. However, Veteran Plates **cannot** be used on the following:

- Trucks, vans, or buses.
- Motorcycles.
- Antique vehicles with vintage licence plates.
- Collector vehicles licensed with collector licence plates.
- Trailers.
- Vehicle with conditional licences, except when a vehicle is owned by a War Amputee or a person is receiving a 100 percent disability pension.
- Farm tractors, special fleet vehicles, and industrial vehicles.

## Who is eligible?

Veteran Plates are available to any person who meets the following criteria:

- A. Served in WWI, WWII, the Korean War or the Gulf War as a member of:
- Canadian Armed Forces,
  - An Allied Force,
  - Canadian or Allied Merchant Navy, or
  - The Ferry Command

and who has been Honourably Discharged.

- B. Served as a member of the Canadian Forces meeting the National Defence Professional Classification requirements (MOC qualified) and who has been Honourably Discharged.

- C. Served in United Nations or NATO Operations as a member of:

- Canadian Forces,
- The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, or
- A United Nations or NATO Alliance Force

and who has been Honourably Discharged,

### **OR**

- Served as a similarly qualified member of a British Commonwealth of Nations Force and who has been Honourably Discharged.

## How to Apply

Before a Veteran can obtain Veteran Plates, they must be eligible and be approved by an Authorizing Service Organization. To do this, a Veteran must apply as follows:

- A. Obtain and complete an Application for Veteran Plate Eligibility form.
- B. Attach a photocopy of the following documentation to the application form:

### **For Veterans:**

- Canadian Forces Discharge Certificate, Certificate of Service or Pay Book; or
- Allied Forces Discharge Certificate, Certificate of Service or Pay Book; or
- Canadian or Allied Merchant Navy Service Record Book

### **For RCMP:**

- A letter from the RCMP Detachment Commanding Officer certifying the applicant's Service in a United Nations or NATO Operation.

- C. Submit the completed application form and a \$5 cheque or money order to one of the following Authorizing Service Organizations for approval:

- British Columbia Veterans Commemorative Association  
106-96 East Broadway  
Vancouver, B.C. V5T 4N9  
Tel: 604-876-2838
- BC/Yukon Command, The Royal Canadian Legion  
3026 Arbutus Street  
Vancouver, B.C. V6J 4P7  
Tel: 604-736-8166
- Canadian Peacekeeping Veterans Association  
PO Box 48197  
Victoria, B.C. V8Z 7H6  
Tel: 250-391-1568

- D. The Authorizing Service Organization will mail the approved application form back to the Veteran within three weeks.



- E. Present the original approved application form to your local Autoplan broker who will order a set of Veteran Plates from ICBC. **Please remember to retain your original application form for future use.**
- F. Your Autoplan broker will notify you when the Veteran Plates are in their office.
- G. The Veteran must surrender their current passenger plates and current Owner's Certificate of Insurance, Vehicle Licence and Registration to the Autoplan broker in order to process a free plate replacement.

## Obtaining an Application

An Application for Veteran Plate Eligibility form can be obtained from any of the following locations:

- British Columbia Veterans Commemorative Association website: [www.geocities.com/bcvca](http://www.geocities.com/bcvca)
- BC/Yukon Command, The Royal Canadian Legion website: [www.pacificlegion.org](http://www.pacificlegion.org)
- Canadian Peacekeeping Veterans Association website: [www.cpva.ca](http://www.cpva.ca)
- ICBC's website: [www.icbc.com](http://www.icbc.com)
- Any Autoplan broker

## Costs

Veteran Plates are free when both current plates and documents are surrendered to your Autoplan broker. If

the surrendered plate set is incomplete, an \$18 plate fee will be charged.

A \$5 application fee is required to cover the administrative costs associated with processing the application form. A cheque or money order made payable to the Authorizing Service Organization you have selected must be included when submitting your Application for Veteran Plate Eligibility.

Please do not send cash.

Lease returns, new vehicle purchases, and replacement of lost/stolen/damaged plates will require the owner to purchase regular passenger plates for an \$18 plate fee.

## Picking Up Your Veteran Plates

After an order has been placed with an Autoplan broker, it will take up to four weeks to obtain a set of Veteran Plates. When the plates arrive, your Autoplan broker will contact you and request that you attend their office with your current plates and documents.

## Restrictions

If the vehicle has more than one owner or lessee, at least one of the owners or lessees must be an approved Veteran to be eligible for Veteran Plates.

Company owned vehicles or a vehicle owned by an organization, even when driven exclusively by a Veteran, are not eligible for Veteran Plates.

If a Veteran owns or leases more than one eligible vehicle and wishes to have a set of Veteran Plates for each vehicle, they must:

- Attend their Autoplan broker with the original approved Application form. The broker will then order a set of Veteran Plates from ICBC for each eligible vehicle.
- The Autoplan broker will notify you when the Veteran Plates are in their office.
- You must surrender your current passenger plates for each vehicle to the Autoplan broker. The broker will then process a free plate replacement for each vehicle.

If a leased vehicle with Veteran Plates is returned and the Veteran purchases a new vehicle or buys out the lease, the Veteran must surrender the plates to their Autoplan broker and cancel their Autoplan policy. The Autoplan broker will then follow the steps below:

- Process a cancellation of the Veteran's current Autoplan policy and issue a new Autoplan policy with regular passenger plates.
- Request a new set of Veteran Plates from ICBC.
- Notify the Veteran when the Veteran Plates are in the broker's office.
- Remind the Veteran that they must surrender the current set of passenger plates to the Autoplan broker in order to process a free plate replacement.

## Replacing Veteran Plates

If your Veteran Plates are lost, stolen or damaged and need to be replaced, you must turn in any remaining plates to your Autoplan broker. You will have to pay an \$18 plate fee to obtain regular passenger plates. Your Autoplan broker will order a new set of Veteran Plates and contact you when the plates arrive. The new Veteran Plates will be provided free of charge.

### Statement of Limitation

*We have used plain language to help readers understand some of the laws affecting vehicle insurance and licensing. You should follow the more detailed wording and requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations, even if they contradict the wording and requirements set out in this brochure.*

**For more information on the Application for Veteran Plate Eligibility, call the Authorizing Service Organization of your choice listed in this brochure or visit [www.icbc.com](http://www.icbc.com)**