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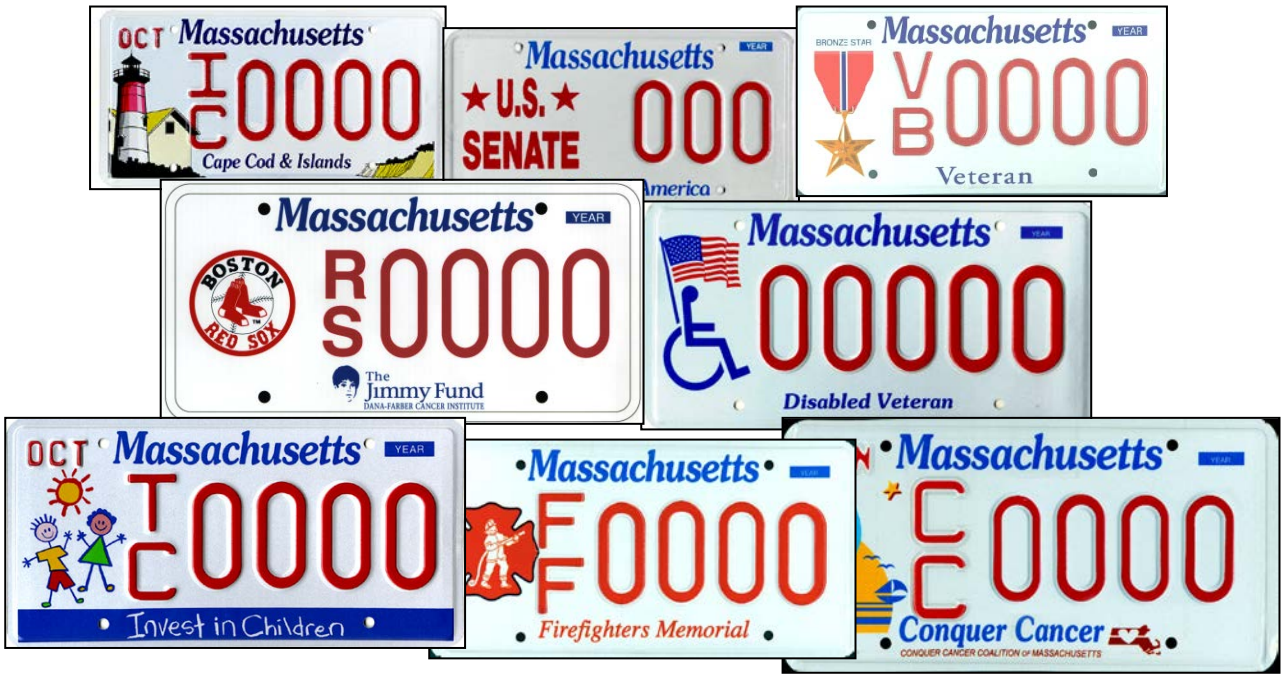

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OBTAINING PASSENGER PLATES

540 CMR Section 2.05 describes a passenger vehicle as:

Private Passenger Motor Vehicle is any vehicle:
(a) which has a vehicle weight rating or curb weight of six thousand pounds or less as per manufacturer's description of said vehicle or is a sport utility vehicle or passenger van; or which is a pickup truck or cargo van of the 1/2 TON, 3/4 TON or 1 TON class as per manufacturer's description of said vehicle; or which is a vehicle used solely for official business by any college or university police department whose officers are appointed as special police officers by the colonel of the state police under M.G.L. c. 22C, § 63; and,
(b) which, if a pickup truck or cargo van, is registered or leased to an individual, and is used exclusively for personal, recreational, or commuting purposes; and,
(c) which is not described in elsewhere in 540 CMR 2.05.
The terms pleasure vehicle, passenger vehicle, passenger car, automobile

If a customer wants to swap his/her current registration for a new plate, the customer must bring the following to a full service RMV branch…

- RMV-3 form signed and stamped from the customer's insurance agent
- Old plates
- Swap fee - http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

If a customer wants to put a new plate on a newly acquired vehicle, the customer must bring the following to a full service RMV branch…

- RMV-1 form signed and stamped from the customer's insurance agent
- Registration and title fees - http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf
- Sales tax, if applicable
- Title (if used vehicle), Certificate of Origin (if new vehicle), or Bill of Sale and previous registration (if nontitled vehicle)

SPECIAL PLATE FEES FOR ORGANIZATIONS

The Special Plate fees for most Passenger Special Plates (PAS) go to a specific charitable organization or designated private/public entity. The initial special plate fee is distributed as follows…

- $12 - $16 covers the cost of manufacturing the plate
- $28 - $34 goes to the designated organization

Upon renewal, the entire special plate fee goes to the designated organization.

VANITY PLATE AVAILABILITY

Vanity plates are not available for any of the passenger special plates (PAS) and customers cannot request a specific number. For more information on vanity plate requirements, refer to the Request for Vanity Plate application - http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/forms/20284.pdf

SURVIVING SPOUSE

A surviving spouse can transfer the following plates into his/her name…

- Antique
- Basketball Hall of Fame
- Blackstone Valley
- Breast Cancer
- Bronze Star*
- Bruins/Youth Hockey
- Cape and Islands/ Islands and Cape
- Celtics
- Choose Life
- Congressional Medal of Honor*****
- Conquer Cancer
- Distinguished Flying Cross*
- Ex-POW
- Fish and Wildlife
- Firefighters Memorial
- Gold Star**
- Invest in Children
- Legion of Valor*****
- Massachusetts Animal Coalition
- Olympic Spirit
- Patriots
- Pearl Harbor Survivor*****
- Purple Heart*****
- Red Sox/Jimmy Fund
- Roseate Tern
- Right Whale
- Silver Star*
- Spay\Neuter
- UMASS
- United We Stand
- Vanity
- Veterans' *
- Year of Manufacture

***Note: A surviving spouse can transfer a Veterans' Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Pearl Harbor Survivor, Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Congressional Medal of Honor, or Legion of Valor registration plate to him/herself (until remarriage, cancellation, or non-renewal) but must pay the initial registration fee of $100 and the renewal fee of $100. Also, if the Veteran never obtained these plates or cancelled them, the surviving spouse is eligible to obtain a new set of plates (until remarriage, cancellation, or non-renewal).**

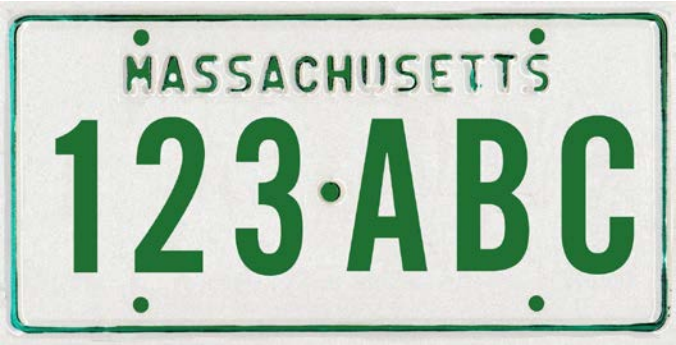
- **Application for Veterans' Plates for a Surviving Spouse**
  http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/forms/21835.pdf

- **Application for Awarded Medal Veterans' Plates for a Surviving Spouse**
  http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/forms/21839.pdf

****Note: A surviving spouse can transfer a Gold Star plate only if he/she is the parent of the deceased.**

A surviving spouse **cannot** transfer the following plates into his/her name…

- Disability
- Disabled Veterans'
- Governor's Council
- Ham Operator
- Honorary Consular Corps
- House Members
- MD
- National Guard
- News Photographer
- Senate
- US Congress
- US Senate



NORMAL

The Passenger Normal Plate features either a white background with red lettering; or a white background with green lettering.

Eligibility: Anyone can obtain a Passenger Normal plate.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: Passenger Normal plates are available at any full service RMV branch.

http://www.massrmv.com/BranchMap.aspx

Reference:

http://www.lawlib.state.ma.us/source/mass/cmr/cmrtext/540CMR2.pdf

Note: Illegible plates will now result in a safety inspection failure. The RMV will replace illegible red or green passenger plates for no fee.

RESERVED

The Passenger Reserved plate features a white background with red lettering. Passenger Reserved plates contain less than 6 characters. Lottery plates are a subset of reserved plates. Refer to the Lottery Plates section for more information.

Eligibility: Anyone can obtain a Passenger Reserved plate.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: Reserved plates are only available through the Special Plates Department. For more information on these plates, the customer can call the Special Plates Department at 857.368.8031.

Reference:

http://www.lawlib.state.ma.us/source/mass/cmr/cmrtext/540CMR2.pdf

BLACKSTONE VALLEY

The Blackstone Valley plate features an image of a watermill. Proceeds from this plate go to the Environmental Trust Fund, which provides grants for education and to preserve the Massachusetts environment. For more information, visit the Environmental Trust site at: http://www.MassEnvironmentalTrust.org

Eligibility: Anyone can obtain Blackstone Valley plates.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

The special plate fee is $40.

The initial special plate fee is distributed as follows…

- $12 covers the cost of manufacturing the plate
- $28 goes to the designated organization

Upon renewal, the entire special plate fee goes to the designated organization.

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: Blackstone Valley plates are available:

- at any full service RMV branch - http://www.massrmv.com/BranchMap.aspx
- or can be ordered over the Internet at http://www.massrmv.com.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2E

CAPE AND ISLANDS / ISLANDS AND CAPE

The Cape and Islands plate features Eastham's Nauset Lighthouse along with the cliffs of Siasconset and Aquinnah. Proceeds from this plate go to the Dukes, Nantucket, and Barnstable counties as wells as the Cape Cod Economic Development Council, Inc. and Lower Cape Community Development Corporation which assist in the economic development and tourism on Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket.

Eligibility: Anyone can obtain Cape and Island plates.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

The special plate fee is $50.

The initial special plate fee is distributed as follows…

- $16 covers the cost of manufacturing the plate
- $34 goes to the designated organization

Upon renewal, the entire special plate fee goes to the designated organization.

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: Cape and Islands/Islands and Cape plates are available at:

- at any full service RMV branch - http://www.massrmv.com/BranchMap.aspx
- or can be ordered over the Internet at http://www.massrmv.com.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2

FISH AND WILDLIFE

The Fish and Wildlife plate features an image of a trout. Proceeds from this plate go to the Environmental Trust Fund, which provides grants for education and to preserve the Massachusetts environment. For more information, visit the Environmental Trust site at: http://www.MassEnvironmentalTrust.org.

Eligibility: Anyone can obtain Fish and Wildlife plates.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

The special plate fee is $40.

The initial special plate fee is distributed as follows…

- $12 covers the cost of manufacturing the plate
- $28 goes to the designated organization

Upon renewal, the entire special plate fee goes to the designated organization.

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: Fish and Wildlife plates are available at:

- at any full service RMV branch - http://www.massrmv.com/BranchMap.aspx
- or can be ordered over the Internet at http://www.massrmv.com.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2E

NOTE: There are approximately 2350 Right Whale plates actively on the road that were manufactured without the RW on the plate and also were issued with five digits.
Replacement plates cannot be ordered for these plates.

RIGHT WHALE/ROSEATE TERN

The Right Whale and Roseate Tern plates feature a tail of a right whale and two roseate terns. Proceeds from this plate go to the Environmental Trust Fund, which provides grants for education and to preserve the Massachusetts environment.

For more information, visit the Environmental Trust site at:
http://www.MassEnvironmentalTrust.org

Eligibility: Anyone can obtain Right Whale or Roseate Tern plates.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

The special plate fee is $40.

The initial special plate fee is distributed as follows…

- $12 covers the cost of manufacturing the plate
- $28 goes to the designated organization

Upon renewal, the entire special plate fee goes to the designated organization.

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: Right Whale and Roseate Tern plates are available at:

- at any full service RMV branch - http://www.massrmv.com/BranchMap.aspx
- or can be ordered over the Internet at http://www.massrmv.com.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2E

Veterans' Plate with Flag

Veterans' Plate without Flag

VETERANS' PLATES

Veterans' plates display the word "Veteran" and are issued to veterans who served in time of war. Proceeds from this plate go to the Chelsea and Holyoke Soldier's Homes. A Veteran would be required to have either …

- 180 days of regular active duty service (enlisted or drafted service) and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions (does not include training)
- 90 days of active duty service (Reservists or National Guard), one day of which is during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions (does not include training)

Veterans' plates may have either four or five digits. Branch of Service and War Time decals are available for this plate. If a Branch of Service or War Time decal were requested, it would be affixed to the plate without the flag.

Eligibility: To prove eligibility for Veterans' Plates, customers must prove that they received an honorable discharge from military service. Any of the following documents are acceptable proof of honorable discharge:

- A DD-214 that indicates "Honorable" in the Character of Service box (which will not always be located in the same place on the form). Note that only the long form (full page) DD-214 is acceptable; the short form (half page) cannot be accepted.
- A DD-215 (which is an amended version of the DD-214) that indicates an honorable discharge.
- An Honorable Discharge form (this was used during WWII and the Korean War).

In order to be acceptable, the information on the form presented must be typed (never handwritten).

For more information on how to obtain these documents, please call the US Veterans' Administration at 800-827-1000.

Veterans are eligible for one set of plates for each vehicle registered in their name.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

The special plate fee is $40.

The initial special plate fee is distributed as follows…

- $12 covers the cost of manufacturing the plate
- $28 goes to the designated organization

Upon renewal, the entire special plate fee goes to the designated organization.

Renewal: The plates must be renewed every two years.

Available At: Veterans' plates are available at any full service RMV branch.

http://www.massrmv.com/BranchMap.aspx

Customers can get an *Application for Veteran's Plates* at any full service RMV branch. They can also download the Application from the RMV Website at www.massrmv.com, or a customer can call 857.368.8000 and request that the RMV send an application by mail.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2

VETERANS' BRANCH OF SERVICE DECALS

These are available for both Veterans' (FLAG) passenger and motorcycle plates.

http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/forms/21099.pdf

Army

Navy

Coast Guard

Airforce

Marines

VETERANS' WAR TIME DECALS

These are available for passenger vehicles only.
http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/forms/21099.pdf

Older Design of Disabled Veterans Plate issued prior to 2005

Newer Design of Disabled Veterans Plate issued 2005

DISABLED VETERAN

The previously issued Disabled Veteran plate features six stars on the left side of the plate and red and white stripes on the right side of the plate. The newer issued Disabled Veteran plate features the American flag and the universal disabled symbol on the left side of the plate.

Eligibility: Disabled Veteran plates are issued to veterans with a military service connected 80% disability. The customer must complete a *Disabled Plate and Placard Application* and submit a letter from the US Veterans' Administration stating that the 80% disability is service connected. All inquiries on eligibility should be made to the RMV Medical Affairs Branch at 857.368.8020.

Applications are available at any full service RMV Branch. They can also be downloaded from the RMV website at http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/forms/20060.pdf. A customer can also call 857.368.8000 and request one be mailed to him/her.

Fees: There is no fee.

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: Disabled Veterans' plates are only available through the RMV Medical Affairs Branch at 857.368.8020..

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2

PURPLE HEART PLATES

Purple Heart plates feature a replica of a Purple Heart medal.

NOTE: For **Active Duty Members of the Military,** the word **Veteran** on the plate will be covered by a decal that is labeled **Active Duty.**

Eligibility:

Veterans: Purple Heart plates are issued to veterans who have been awarded the Purple Heart medal. A Purple Heart recipient must prove that he/she has been awarded the Purple Heart. Along with a completed application - http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/forms/21573.pdf, the customer must present one of the following documents to a full service RMV branch…

- A DD-214 that indicates "Honorable" in the Character of Service box (which will not always be located in the same place on the form).
  Note that only the long form (full page) DD-214 is acceptable; the short form (half page) cannot be accepted.
- A DD-215 (which is an amended version of the DD-214) that indicates an honorable discharge.
- An Honorable Discharge form (this was used during WWII and the Korean War).

Regardless of what document is presented, it must state Honorably Discharged and awarded medal.

Active Duty Members of the Military:
To be eligible for these plates, a customer must be on active military duty in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, or Coast Guard (including National Guard or Reserve on active duty) at the time of application and he/she must have been awarded the medal for the plate he/she is applying for. Along with the completed application -

http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/forms/21855.pdf , the customer must send the following documentation to the Special Plates Department:

- A photocopy of his/her current vehicle registration
- A photocopy of his/her current Military ID Card (and a document to satisfy his/her "active duty" status if not on the Card)
- A photocopy of the document awarding him/her the specific medal for the plate being applied for

Purple Heart recipients are eligible for one set of plates for each Purple Heart he/she received.

Fees: There is no fee.

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: Purple Heart plates are available at any full service RMV branch.

http://www.massrmv.com/BranchMap.aspx

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2

BRONZE STAR PLATES

Bronze Star plates feature a replica of a Bronze Star medal.

NOTE: For **Active Duty Members of the Military,** the word **Veteran** on the plate will be covered by a decal that is labeled **Active Duty.**

Eligibility:

Veterans: Bronze Star plates are issued to veterans who have been awarded the Bronze Star medal. An *Application for Veterans' License Plates* must be completed. A Bronze Star recipient must prove that he/she has been awarded the Bronze Star medal. Along with the completed application - http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/forms/21573.pdf , the customer must submit a photocopy of one of the following documents to the Special Plates Department:

- A DD-214 that indicates "Honorable" in the Character of Service box (which will not always be located in the same place on the form).
  Note that only the long form (full page) DD-214 is acceptable; the short form (half page) cannot be accepted.
- A DD-215 (which is an amended version of the DD-214) that indicates an honorable discharge.
- An Honorable Discharge form (this was used during WWII and the Korean War).

Regardless of what document is presented, it must state Honorably Discharged and awarded medal.

Active Duty Members of the Military:
To be eligible for these plates, a customer must be on active military duty in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, or Coast Guard (including National Guard or Reserve on active duty) at the time of application and he/she must have been awarded the medal for the plate he/she is applying for. Along with the completed application -

http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/forms/21855.pdf , the customer must send the following documentation to the Special Plates Department:

- A photocopy of his/her current vehicle registration
- A photocopy of his/her current Military ID Card (and a document to satisfy his/her "active duty" status if not on the Card)
- A photocopy of the document awarding him/her the specific medal for the plate being applied for

Bronze Star recipients are eligible for one set of plates for each Bronze Star he/she received.

Fees: There is no fee.

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: Bronze Star plates are only available through the Special Plates Department. For more information on Bronze Star plates, the customer can call the Special Plates Department at 857.368.8031.

Applications are available at any full service RMV branch. They can also be downloaded from the RMV website at *www.massrmv.com* or a customer can call 857.368.8000 and request one be mailed to him/her.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2

SILVER STAR PLATES

Silver Star plates feature a replica of a Silver Star medal.

NOTE: For **Active Duty Members of the Military,** the word **Veteran** on the plate will be covered by a decal that is labeled **Active Duty.**

Eligibility:

Veterans: Silver Star plates are issued to veterans who have been awarded the Silver Star medal. An *Application for Veterans' License Plates* must be completed. A Silver Star recipient must prove that he/she has been awarded the Silver Star medal. Along with the completed application - http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/forms/21573.pdf , the customer must submit a photocopy of one of the following documents to the Special Plates Department:

- A DD-214 that indicates "Honorable" in the Character of Service box (which will not always be located in the same place on the form).
  Note that only the long form (full page) DD-214 is acceptable; the short form (half page) cannot be accepted.
- A DD-215 (which is an amended version of the DD-214) that indicates an honorable discharge.
- An Honorable Discharge form (this was used during WWII and the Korean War).

Regardless of what document is presented, it must state Honorably Discharged and awarded medal.

Active Duty Members of the Military:
To be eligible for these plates, a customer must be on active military duty in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, or Coast Guard (including National Guard or Reserve on active duty) at the time of application and he/she must have been awarded the medal for the plate he/she is applying for. Along with the completed application - http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/forms/21855.pdf , the customer must send the following documentation to the Special Plates Department:

- A photocopy of his/her current vehicle registration
- A photocopy of his/her current Military ID Card (and a document to satisfy his/her “active duty” status if not on the Card)
- A photocopy of the document awarding him/her the specific medal for the plate being applied for

Silver Star recipients are eligible for one set of plates for each Silver Star medal he/she received.

Fees: There is no fee.

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: Silver Star plates are only available through the Special Plates Department. For more information on Silver Star plates, the customer can call the Special Plates Department at 857.368.8031.

Applications are available at any full service RMV branch. They can also be downloaded from the RMV website at *www.massrmv.com* or a customer can call 857.368.8000 and request one be mailed to him/her.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2

PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR PLATES

Pearl Harbor Survivor plates feature a replica of an eagle.

Eligibility: Pearl Harbor Survivor plates are issued to veterans who served in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. An application for Veterans' Plates must be completed. The Pearl Harbor Survivor must prove that he/she served in Pearl Harbor on that day. Along with the completed application - http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/forms/21573.pdf , the customer must submit a Pearl Harbor Association membership card and a photocopy of one of the following documents to the Special Plates Department…

- A DD-214 that indicates "Honorable" in the Character of Service box (which will not always be located in the same place on the form).
  Note that only the long form (full page) DD-214 is acceptable; the short form (half page) cannot be accepted.
- A DD-215 (which is an amended version of the DD-214) that indicates an honorable discharge.
- An Honorable Discharge form (this was used during WWII and the Korean War).
- Statement of Service from the US Veterans' Administration
- Pearl Harbor Association membership card

Regardless of what document is presented, it must state Honorably Discharged and awarded medal.

Pearl Harbor Survivors are eligible for one set of plates.

Fees: There is no fee.

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: Pearl Harbor Survivor plates are available through the Special Plates Department. For more information on Pearl Harbor Survivor plates,

the customer can call the Special Plates Department at 857.368.8031.
Applications are available at any full service RMV branch. They can also be downloaded from the RMV website at *www.massrmv.com* or a customer can call 857.368.8000 and request one be mailed to him/her.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2

CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR

Congressional Medal of Honor plates feature six stars on the left and right side of the plate.

Eligibility: Congressional Medal of Honor plates are issued to veterans who have received the Congressional Medal of Honor. An *Application for Veterans' License Plates* must be completed. Claims of this award are verified through the Department of Veterans' Services by Special Plates. Along with the completed application - http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/forms/21573.pdf , the customer must submit a photocopy of one of the following documents to the Special Plates Department:

- A DD-214 that indicates "Honorable" in the Character of Service box (which will not always be located in the same place on the form).
  Note that only the long form (full page) DD-214 is acceptable; the short form (half page) cannot be accepted.
- A DD-215 (which is an amended version of the DD-214) that indicates an honorable discharge.
- An Honorable Discharge form (this was used during WWII and the Korean War).

Regardless of which document is presented, the document must state Honorably Discharged and awarded medal.

Fees: There is no fee.

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: Congressional Medal of Honor plates are only available through the Special Plates Department. For more information on the Congressional Medal of Honor plates, the customer can call the Special Plates Department at 857.368.8031.

Applications are available at any full service RMV branch. They can also be downloaded from the RMV website at *www.massrmv.com* or a customer can call 857.368.8000 and request one be mailed to him/her.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2

LEGION OF VALOR PLATES

Eligibility: Legion of Valor plates are issued to members of the Legion of Valor of the USA, Inc. Legion of Valor Members are recipients of the following medals…

- Medal of Honor
- Distinguished Service Cross
- Navy Cross
- Air Force Cross

Along with an *Application for Veterans' License Plates* - http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/forms/21573.pdf , *one* of the following documents *indicating award* is needed.

- A DD-214 that indicates "Honorable" in the Character of Service box (which will not always be located in the same place on the form).
  Note that only the long form (full page) DD-214 is acceptable; the short form (half page) cannot be accepted.
- A DD-215 (which is an amended version of the DD-214) that indicates an honorable discharge.
- An Honorable Discharge form (this was used during WWII and the Korean War).

Regardless of what document is presented, it must state Honorably Discharged and awarded medal.

Legion of Valor members are eligible for one set of plates.

Fees: There is no fee.

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every year.

Available At: Legion of Valor plates are only available through the Special Plates Department. For more information on the Legion of Valor plates, the customer can call the Special Plates Department at 857.368.8031.

Applications are available at any full service RMV branch. They can also be downloaded from the RMV website at http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/forms/21573.pdf or a customer can call 857.368.8000 and request one be mailed to him/her.

Reference:
http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2

EX-POW PLATES

Ex-POW plates feature barbed wire on the left side of the plate.

Eligibility: Ex-POW plates are issued to former prisoners of war. To be eligible for Ex-POW plates, the customer must present one of the following documents indicating Ex-POW status to a full service RMV branch to prove his/her Ex-POW status…

- A DD-214 that indicates "Honorable" in the Character of Service box (which will not always be located in the same place on the form).
  Note that only the long form (full page) DD-214 is acceptable; the short form (half page) cannot be accepted.
- A DD-215 (which is an amended version of the DD-214) that indicates an honorable discharge.
- An Honorable Discharge form (this was used during WWII and the Korean War).
- Statement of Service from the US Veterans' Administration

Ex-Prisoners of War are eligible for one set of plates.

Fees: There is no fee.

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: Ex-POW plates are available at any full service RMV branch.

http://www.massrmv.com/BranchMap.aspx

Applications are available at any full service RMV branch. They can also be downloaded from the RMV website at http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/forms/21573.pdf or a customer can call 857.368.8000 and request one be mailed to him/her.

Reference:
http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

The Distinguished Flying Cross plate features a replica of a Distinguished Flying Cross medal located on the left side of the plate with the word “Veteran” written at the bottom.

NOTE: For **Active Duty Members of the Military,** the word **Veteran** on the plate will be covered by a decal that is labeled **Active Duty.**

Eligibility:

Veterans: Distinguished Flying Cross plates are issued to veterans who have been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross while serving in any capacity within the Armed Forces.

- A DD-214 that indicates “Honorable” in the Character of Service box (which will not always be located in the same place on the form).
  Note that only the long form (full page) DD-214 is acceptable; the short form (half page) cannot be accepted.
- A DD-215 (which is an amended version of the DD-214) that indicates an honorable discharge.
- An Honorable Discharge form (this was used during WWII and the Korean War).

Regardless of what document is presented, it must state Honorably Discharged and awarded medal.

Active Duty Members of the Military:
To be eligible for these plates, a customer must be on active military duty in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, or Coast Guard (including National Guard or Reserve on active duty) at the time of application and he/she must have been awarded the medal for the plate he/she is applying for. Along with the completed application, the customer must send the following documentation to the Special Plates Department:

- A photocopy of his/her current vehicle registration

- A photocopy of his/her current Military ID Card (and a document to satisfy his/her “active duty” status if not on the Card)
- A photocopy of the document awarding him/her the specific medal for the plate being applied for

Distinguished Flying Cross recipients are eligible for one set of plates for each Distinguished Flying Cross he or she received.

Fees: There is no fee.

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: Distinguished Flying Cross Plates are only available through the Special Plates Department. For more information on the Distinguished Flying Cross plates, the customer can call the Special Plates Department at 857.368.8031.

Applications are available at any full service RMV branch. They can also be downloaded from the RMV website at *www.massrmv.com* or a customer can call 857.368.8000 and request one be mailed to him/her.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2

GOLD STAR FAMILY

Gold Star plates feature a gold star on the left side of the plate with the words "Gold Star Family" written at the bottom.

Eligibility: Gold Star Family plates are issued to parents, children, spouses, siblings, or grandchildren of members of the military who were killed in action during wartime.

Note: Stepparents, stepchildren, stepsiblings, and step-grandchildren are not eligible unless a legal adoption occurred prior to the time of death. Grandparents and ex-spouses are not eligible.

An *Application for Gold Star Family Plates* must be completed. The customer must also present evidence that a member of his/her family was killed in action by presenting one of the following…

- A casualty report
- A telegram for military members who served in WWII and/or the Korean War
- An overseas death certificate issued by the military indicating name and date of death

Fees: There is no fee.

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: Gold Star Family plates are available at any full service RMV branch.

http://www.massrmv.com/BranchMap.aspx

Applications are available at any full service RMV branch. They can also be downloaded from the RMV website at http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/forms/21625.pdf or a customer can call 857.368.8000 and request one be mailed to him/her.

Reference:
http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2

NATIONAL GUARD PLATES

National Guard plates feature an image of a National Guard soldier.

Eligibility: National Guard plates are issued to anyone who serves in the Massachusetts National Guard who has a rank equal to or higher than an E2 rating. An *Application for Massachusetts National Guard Plates* must be completed and stamped by the National Guard

National Guard members are eligible for one set of plates for each vehicle registered.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: National Guard plates are available at any full service RMV branch.

http://www.massrmv.com/BranchMap.aspx

All inquiries on National Guard plate eligibility can be made to Command Sergeant Major (CSM) at 508-233-6508 or…

Office of State Command Sergeant Major
Massachusetts National Guard Headquarters
50 Maple Street
Milford, MA 01757

Plate number(s) 1 - 99 are assigned by the Massachusetts National Guard.

Applications are available at any full service RMV branch. They can also be downloaded from the RMV website at http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/forms/21569.pdf or a customer can call 857.368.8000 and request one be mailed to him/her.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL PLATES

Eligibility: Governor's Council plates are issued to elected members of the Governor's Council. A Massachusetts state-issued ID is required.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every year.

Available At: Governor's Council plates are only available through the Special Plates Department. The customer can call the Special Plates Department at 857.368.8031 for more information.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2

SENATE PLATES

Eligibility: Senate plates are issued to elected members of the Massachusetts State Senate. A Massachusetts state-issued ID is required.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every year.

Available At: Senate plates are only available through the Special Plates Department. The customer can call the Special Plates Department at 857.368.8031 for more information.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2

HOUSE PLATES

Eligibility: House plates are issued to elected members of the Massachusetts House of Representatives. Massachusetts State-issued ID is required.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every year.

Available At: House plates are only available through the Special Plates Department. The customer can call the Special Plates Department at 857.368.8031 for more information.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2

UNITED STATES CONGRESS PLATES

Eligibility: US Congress plates are issued to elected members of the US House of Representatives. A US Government-issued ID is required.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every year.

Available At: US Congress plates are only available through the Special Plates Department. The customer can call the Special Plates Department at 857.368.8031 for more information.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2

UNITED STATES SENATE PLATES

Eligibility: US Senate plates are issued to elected members of the US Senate. A US Government-issued ID is required.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every year.

Available At: United States Senate plates are only available through the Special Plates Department. The customer can call the Special Plates Department at 857.368.8031 for more information.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2

HONORARY CONSULAR PLATES

Eligibility: Honorary Consular plates are issued to a private individual who is authorized to perform limited functions on behalf of a foreign government. Proper documentation is required.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every year.

Available At: By agreement with the RMV, these plates are approved by the Dean of the Honorary Consular Corps, currently the Honorary Consul of Finland and issued by the Special Plates Department.
The customer can call the Honorary Consular Corps at 617-654-1701 for more information.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2

FOREIGN ORGANIZATION PLATES

Eligibility: Foreign Organization plates are issued to certain foreign organizations.

The following documents are required in order to obtain Foreign Organization Plates:

- TECRO Personal Tax Exemption Card
- TECRO Identification Card

These cards are Issued to the customer from the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office.

Fees: There is no fee.

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every year.

Available At: These plates are issued by the Special Plates Department. The customer can call the Special Plates Department at 857.368.8031 for more information.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section33

MD PLATES

Medical Doctor (MD) plates feature the initials MD on the left side of the plate.

Eligibility: MD plates are issued to Massachusetts's residents who are licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. An *Application for MD Plates* must be completed and certified by:

Board of Registration in Medicine
560 Harrison Ave
Boston, MA 02118

Applications are available at any full service RMV Branch. They can also be downloaded from the RMV website at http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/forms/21567.pdf or a customer can call 857.368.8000 and request one be mailed to him/her.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: MD plates are available at any full service RMV branch**.**

http://www.massrmv.com/BranchMap.aspx

DISABILITY

The Disability plate features the universal disabled symbol on the left side of the plate.

Eligibility: The customer must complete a *Disabled Plate and Placard Application* and submit it to the RMV Medical Affairs Branch at the address listed on the top of the application.

Applications are available at any full service RMV branch or can be downloaded from the RMV website at http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/forms/20060.pdf. A customer can also call 857.368.8000 and request one be mailed to him/her.

Applicants must meet one of the following requirements…

- Unable to walk 200 feet without assistance
- Legally blind
- Chronic lung disease
- Cardiovascular disease
- Arthritis
- Loss of or permanent loss of use of a limb

Refer to the Disabled Plate and Placard Application for detailed information.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: Disability plates are only available through the RMV Medical Affairs Branch. Contact MAB at 857.368.8020. Once approved, MAB will ship the plates to a full service RMV branch.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2

BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME PLATES

The Basketball Hall of Fame plates feature a basketball and a basketball net on the left side of the plate.

For more information on the Basketball Hall of Fame plate, visit the Basketball Hall of Fame web site

Eligibility: Anyone can obtain Basketball Hall of Fame plates.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

The special plate fee is $40.

The initial special plate fee is distributed as follows…

- $12 covers the cost of manufacturing the plate
- $28 goes to the designated organization

Upon renewal, the entire special plate fee goes to the designated organization.

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: Basketball Hall of Fame plates are available at:

- at any full service RMV branch - http://www.massrmv.com/BranchMap.aspx
- or can be ordered over the Internet at http://www.massrmv.com.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2

RED SOX/JIMMY FUND

Red Sox plates feature the team's logo. Proceeds from the Red Sox plate go to the Jimmy Fund and Red Sox Foundation.

For more information on the Jimmy Fund, please visit www.jimmyfund.org.

For more information on the Red Sox Foundation, please visit www.redsoxfoundation.org.

Eligibility: Anyone can obtain Red Sox plates.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

The special plate fee is $40.

The initial special plate fee is distributed as follows…

- $12 covers the cost of manufacturing the plate
- $28 goes to the designated organization

Upon renewal, the entire special plate fee goes to the designated organization.

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: Red Sox plates are available at:

- at any full service RMV branch - http://www.massrmv.com/BranchMap.aspx
- or can be ordered over the Internet at http://www.massrmv.com.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2F

OLYMPIC SPIRIT

The Olympic Spirit plate features the five colored Olympic rings. Proceeds from this plate go to the Massachusetts Olympic Committee, which benefits the residents of Massachusetts on US Olympic teams.

Eligibility: Anyone can obtain Olympic Spirit plates.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

The special plate fee is $50.

The initial special plate fee is distributed as follows…

- $16 covers the cost of manufacturing the plate
- $34 goes to the designated organization

Upon renewal, the entire special plate fee goes to the designated organization.

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: Olympic Spirit plates are available at:

- at any full service RMV branch - http://www.massrmv.com/BranchMap.aspx
- or can be ordered over the Internet at http://www.massrmv.com.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2

BRUINS/YOUTH HOCKEY

Boston Bruins plates feature the Boston Bruins team logo. Proceeds from this plate benefit Massachusetts Youth Hockey Inc.

For more information on The Bruins / Massachusetts Youth Hockey Plate, please visit http://www.masshockey.com/

Eligibility: Anyone can obtain Boston Bruins plates.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

The special plate fee is $40.

The initial special plate fee is distributed as follows…

- $12 covers the cost of manufacturing the plate
- $28 goes to the designated organization

Upon renewal, the entire special plate fee goes to the designated organization.

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: Boston Bruins plates are available at:

- at any full service RMV branch - http://www.massrmv.com/BranchMap.aspx
- or can be ordered over the Internet at http://www.massrmv.com.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2F

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

The New England Patriots plates feature the Patriots' team logo and the words "Superbowl Champions." Proceeds from this plate benefit the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation. The Foundation's mission is to assist a variety of charitable organizations and programs that foster cultural diversity, education, family, and health. The Foundation uses its resources to serve the youth of New England by encouraging their education, growth, creativity and development of character; and to help support a better quality of life in the communities the Foundation serves.

For more information on the Patriots Charitable Foundation, please visit http://www.patriots.com/community/.

Eligibility: Anyone can obtain Patriots plates.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

The special plate fee is $40.

The initial special plate fee is distributed as follows…

- $12 covers the cost of manufacturing the plate
- $28 goes to the designated organization

Upon renewal, the entire special plate fee goes to the designated organization.

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: Patriots plates are available at:

- at any full service RMV branch - http://www.massrmv.com/BranchMap.aspx
- or can be ordered over the Internet at http://www.massrmv.com.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2F

BOSTON CELTICS PLATE

The plate features an image of a green ring that reads Boston Celtics in white. In front of the ring stands a pint-sized, winking leprechaun, with one arm leaning on his shillelagh and hoisting a basketball on his index finger with the other arm. Under the ring reads 17 - Time World Champion in green.
The bottom of the plate features the Boston Children's trademark, which is a small blue oval shape design with a mother in child in white, which reads Boston Children's in Black. The proceeds will go to fund Boston Celtics Shamrock Foundation to benefit Boston Children's.

Eligibility: Anyone can obtain Boston Celtics plates.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

The special plate fee is $40.

The initial special plate fee is distributed as follows…

- $12 covers the cost of manufacturing the plate
- $28 goes to the designated organization

Upon renewal, the entire special plate fee goes to the designated organization.

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available at: Boston Celtics plates are available at:

- at any full service RMV branch - http://www.massrmv.com/BranchMap.aspx
- or can be ordered over the Internet at http://www.massrmv.com.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2F

UMASS PLATE

UMASS plates feature an image of the UMASS Minuteman logo. The bottom of the plate reads "*You were. You are. UMASS*" in red colored text. Proceeds from this plate benefit the UMASS Alumni Association, Inc.

Eligibility: Anyone can obtain UMASS plates.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

The special plate fee is $40.

The initial special plate fee is distributed as follows…

- $12 covers the cost of manufacturing the plate
- $28 goes to the designated organization

Upon renewal, the entire special plate fee goes to the designated organization.

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: UMASS plates are available at:

- at any full service RMV branch - http://www.massrmv.com/BranchMap.aspx
- or can be ordered over the Internet at http://www.massrmv.com.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2F

HAM OPERATOR PLATE

The Ham Operator plates feature a "lightning bolt" in the middle of the plate.

Eligibility: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) describes amateur radio operators as people who “are qualified persons of any age who are interested in radio technique solely with a personal aim and without pecuniary interest.” Ham operators maintain and operate radio communications for the purpose of self-training, intercommunication, and technical investigations carried out by amateurs. “Ham Operator” registration plates are only issued to people with an active FCC license. Their plate number is their call number. To apply for Ham Operator plates, the customer must:

- Fill out the *Application for Ham Operator Plates* - http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/forms/21584.pdf
- Submit the application with a copy of his/her current Federal Communications Commission (FCC) license and a check for $20 payable to MassDOT…

Registry of Motor Vehicles
PO Box 55895
Boston, Ma 02205
Attn: Special Plates

The Special Plates Department will notify the customer by mail when the plates are ready.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every year.

Available At: Ham Operator plates are only available through the Special Plates Department at 857.368.8031.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section33

Passenger Vanity Plate Guidelines

- Must start with at least two letters.
- May contain a maximum of six characters (letters or numbers) and a minimum of two characters.
- No periods, spaces, or punctuation marks are allowed.

Vanity Plate Availability

Customers can go in person to an RMV branch, call the Phone Center, or access the Internet at *www.massrmv.com* to check vanity plate availability.

VANITY PLATES

Vanity plates can be ordered for passenger, commercial, motorcycle, livery, bus, camper, or antique vehicles.

Refer to the Request for Vanity Plates application - http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/forms/20284.pdf - for a complete list of vanity plate guidelines.

Eligibility: Anyone can order Passenger Vanity plates.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

Renewal: Passenger vanity plates need to be renewed every November.

Available At: Vanity plates may be ordered in person, or requests can be mailed to the address listed at the top of the application.

There is a $50 manufacture fee. Plates are manufactured within 12 - 14 weeks after payment is received.

The Special Plates Department will notify the customer by mail when the plates are ready to be picked up at the branch location requested.

Check to see if the plate you want is already taken – click here http://www.massrmv.com/VanityPlateRequirements.aspx

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section33

ANTIQUE PLATES

Eligibility: Any vehicle that is over 25 years old and maintained solely for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades, and other functions of public interest (this includes drives to prepare for such functions and transportation to and from the repair shop) is eligible for antique plates.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every year.

Available At: Any full service RMV branch.

http://www.massrmv.com/BranchMap.aspx

An *Application for Antique Motor Vehicle or Year of Manufacture Plates* must be notarized before submission to the Registry. Applications are available at any full service RMV branch or can be downloaded from the RMV website at http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/forms/20132.pdf. Customers can also request one be mailed to him/her by calling 857.368.8000.

Reference:

http://www.lawlib.state.ma.us/source/mass/cmr/cmrtext/540CMR2.pdf

NOTE: Previously issued Antique plates cannot be registered as Year of Manufacture plates.
Antique plates are only issued by the RMV.

YEAR OF MANUFACTURE PLATES

A Year of Manufacture plate is a plate (in the possession of the customer) originally issued by the Commonwealth in the exact year of manufacture of the antique motor car to which it will be attached. If no plates were issued for a particular year, the customer may use a plate originally issued in a prior year if approved by the Registrar. Vehicles must be at least 25 years old.
The YOM plate can contain no more than 6 characters, must be in good repair and in original condition, and must be from 1978 or earlier. Once the number is issued it cannot be issued again. Therefore duplicates are not allowed.
Refer to the Year of Manufacture Reference List for a detailed list of YOM plate guidelines.

Eligibility: The Year of Manufacture plate must be presented to any full service RMV branch for approval. An *Application for Antique Motor Vehicle or Year of Manufacture Registration Plate* must be notarized before submission to the Registry.

Refer to the Year of Manufacture Reference List - http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/forms/20132.pdf *and Application for an Antique Motor Vehicle Plate or Year of Manufacture Registration plate for detailed information on the RMV's policy for use of Year of Manufacture plates.*

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every year.

Available at: The customer must present the YOM plate to any full service RMV branch for approval. The RMV does not issue YOM plates.
An *Application for Antique Motor Vehicle or Year of Manufacture Registration Plate* is available at any full service RMV branch or can be downloaded from the RMV website at http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/forms/20132.pdf. Customers can also request one be mailed to him/her by calling 857.368.8000.

Reference:

http://www.lawlib.state.ma.us/source/mass/cmr/cmrtext/540CMR2.pdf

DISASTER/EMERGENCY VEHICLE PLATES

Disaster plates feature a red background with white lettering.

Eligibility: Disaster/Emergency plates are issued to charitable organizations for special purpose motor vehicles or trailers and used for the benefit of fireman, policemen, civil defense workers, and victims of fires and disasters. To obtain information and apply for Disaster/Emergency Vehicle Plates, contact Enforcement Services at 617 973-8956.

Fees: There is no fee.

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every year.

Available At: Emergency Vehicle plates are only available through Enforcement Services at 617 973-8956.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section33

NEWS PHOTOGRAPHER PLATES

Eligibility: News Photographer plates are issued to members of the Boston Press Photographer's Association.

An *Application for News Photographer Plates* must be completed, approved, and certified by an officer of the Boston Press Photographers' Association.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every year.

Available At: News Photographer plates are only available through the Special Plates Department at 857.368.8031. Customer must mail the completed *Application for News Photographer Plates* to…

RMV
PO Box 55895
Boston, MA 02205
Att'n Special Plates

Applications are available at any full service RMV branch. They can also be downloaded from the RMV website at http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/forms/21570.pdf or a customer can call 857.368.8000 and request one be mailed to him/her.

Plates 1001 - 1200 were issued to the victims' families with a special decal that reads "Remember" affixed to the plate.

UNITED WE STAND

United We Stand plates feature an American flag in the background. Proceeds from this plate go to the Massachusetts 9/11 Fund and to the Commonwealth Security Trust Fund…

- 50% 9/11 Fund: to assist the relatives of Massachusetts victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on America or to establish a permanent memorial to such Massachusetts victims, with at least 25 % dedicated to the design, construction, and maintenance of the memorial; and
- 25% Commonwealth Security Fund: is to be used to provide grants to local police and fire departments to enhance emergency response, including response to acts of terrorism, and towards the design, construction, and maintenance of memorials dedicated to the law enforcement officers and firefighters of Massachusetts who are killed in the line of duty
- 25% Military Heroes Fund: the Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund is a private, non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization dedicated to providing support, programs, and services to the families of military service personnel from Massachusetts fallen in service to the United States in, as a result of, or in support of, Operations Enduring Freedom, Noble Eagle and Iraqi Freedom.

For information on the Massachusetts 9/11 Fund, please visit www.massfund.org.

Eligibility: Anyone can obtain United We Stand plates.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

The special plate fee is $40.

The initial special plate fee is distributed as follows…

- $12 covers the cost of manufacturing the plate
- $28 goes to the designated organization

Upon renewal, the entire special plate fee goes to the designated organization.

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: United We Stand plates are available at:

- at any full service RMV branch - http://www.massrmv.com/BranchMap.aspx
- or can be ordered over the Internet at http://www.massrmv.com.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2E

INVEST IN CHILDREN

Invest in Children plates feature artwork provided by the United Way. The special plate fee from this plate benefits the Child Care Quality Fund which is a division of the Department of Early Education and Care.

Eligibility: Anyone can obtain Invest in Children plates.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

The special plate fee is $40.

The initial special plate fee is distributed as follows…

- $12 covers the cost of manufacturing the plate
- $28 goes to the designated organization

Upon renewal, the entire special plate fee goes to the designated organization.

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: Invest in Children plates are available at:

- at any full service RMV branch - http://www.massrmv.com/BranchMap.aspx
- or can be ordered over the Internet at http://www.massrmv.com.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2E

MASSACHUSETTS ANIMAL COALITION

The Massachusetts Animal Coalition Plates feature a cat and dog. The proceeds from this plate benefit non-profit humane organizations and municipal animal control agencies in the Commonwealth, to be used to prevent pet overpopulation by funding programs that provide services such as spaying and neutering cats and dogs for free or at a minimal cost. For more information on the Mass Animal Coalition/Animal Friendly, please visit www.massanimalcoalition.org.

Eligibility: Anyone can obtain Massachusetts Animal Coalition plates.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

The special plate fee is $40.

The initial special plate fee is distributed as follows…

- $12 covers the cost of manufacturing the plate
- $28 goes to the designated organization

Upon renewal, the entire special plate fee goes to the designated organization.

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: Massachusetts Animal Coalition plates are available at:

- at any full service RMV branch - http://www.massrmv.com/BranchMap.aspx
- or can be ordered over the Internet at http://www.massrmv.com.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2E

CONQUER CANCER PLATES

The Conquer Cancer Plate features a single teardrop falls from an eternal flame and the lone star is for wishing on. Behind the flame, the sun both sets and rises. Proceeds from this plate benefit the Conquer Cancer Coalition of Massachusetts. For more information on the Massachusetts Conquer Cancer Coalition, please visit www.conquercancer.org.

Eligibility: Anyone can obtain Conquer Cancer plates.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

The special plate fee is $40.

The initial special plate fee is distributed as follows…

- $12 covers the cost of manufacturing the plate
- $28 goes to the designated organization

Upon renewal, the entire special plate fee goes to the designated organization.

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: Conquer Cancer plates are available at:

- at any full service RMV branch - http://www.massrmv.com/BranchMap.aspx
- or can be ordered over the Internet at http://www.massrmv.com.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2F

FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL PLATES

The Firefighters Memorial plate features an image of a firefighter against a backdrop of a red Maltese Cross. The bottom of the plate features the words "Firefighters Memorial." Proceeds from this plate benefit the Firefighters Memorial fund. The Massachusetts Fallen Firefighters Memorial will honor all Massachusetts firefighters – past, present and future. For more information about the Memorial visit www.mafirememorial.org.

Eligibility: Anyone can obtain Firefighters Memorial plates.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

The special plate fee is $40.

The initial special plate fee is distributed as follows…

- $12 covers the cost of manufacturing the plate
- $28 goes to the designated organization

Upon renewal, the entire special plate fee goes to the designated organization.

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: The Firefighters Memorial plates are available at:

- at any full service RMV branch - http://www.massrmv.com/BranchMap.aspx
- or can be ordered over the Internet at http://www.massrmv.com.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2F

CURE BREAST CANCER PLATES

The Cure Breast Cancer plate features an image of a Pink Ribbon with the word Cure (in blue) across it. The bottom of the plate features the words "Cure Breast Cancer." Proceeds from this plate benefit Tufts New England Medical Center Hospital Inc\Diane Zaniboni Breast Cancer Research Fund for Inflammatory Breast Cancer Research Project. For more information about the Cure Breast Cancer license plate go to Cure Breast Cancer License Plate.

Eligibility: Anyone can obtain Massachusetts Cure Breast Cancer plates.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

The special plate fee is $40.

The initial special plate fee is distributed as follows…

- $12 covers the cost of manufacturing the plate
- $28 goes to the designated organization

Upon renewal, the entire special plate fee goes to the designated organization.

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: Cure Breast Cancer plates are available at:

- at any full service RMV branch - http://www.massrmv.com/BranchMap.aspx
- or can be ordered over the Internet at http://www.massrmv.com.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2F

CHOOSE LIFE PLATES

The Choose Life plate features an image of a mother holding a child with a yellow colored heart behind them. The bottom of the plate features the words “Choose Life” in black colored text. Proceeds from this plate will fund Choose Life, Inc, which benefits not-for-profit agencies within Massachusetts.

Eligibility: Anyone can obtain Choose Life plates.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

The special plate fee is $40.

The initial special plate fee is distributed as follows…

- $12 covers the cost of manufacturing the plate
- $28 goes to the designated organization

Upon renewal, the entire special plate fee goes to the designated organization.

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: Choose Life plates are available at:

- at any full service RMV branch - http://www.massrmv.com/BranchMap.aspx
- or can be ordered over the Internet at http://www.massrmv.com.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2F

LOW SPEED

A low speed vehicle is any 4-wheeled motor vehicle that:

- has a 17-digit VIN
- has been issued a Certificate of Origin
- has a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of less than 3,000 pounds
- has a top speed greater than 20 mph but not greater than 25 mph, **and**
- is National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)-certified as a "Low Speed Vehicle," demonstrated by:
    - The Certificate of Origin, title, or out-of-state registration listing the body style or body type as "LSV" or "Low Speed Vehicle"
    - The Manufacturer's Certification Label posted on the vehicle containing the VIN and indicating the TYPE of vehicle as a "Low Speed Vehicle."

Eligibility: If qualified, anyone can obtain Massachusetts Low Speed plates.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: Low Speed plates are available at any full service RMV branch.

http://www.massrmv.com/BranchMap.aspx

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section1H

LIMITED USE VEHICLE

A “limited use vehicle” is any motor vehicle that:

- has 2 or more wheels
- has a certificate of origin
- has a 17 character VIN
- has been certified by the manufacturer to meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) for that particular class of vehicle (e.g. passenger) **and**
- whose speed on a paved level surface can exceed 30 miles per hour but is not capable of exceeding 40 miles per hour.

Note: In most instances, the maximum speed of the vehicle will **not** be on the Certificate of Origin. It will be up to the dealer, insurance agent, and the customer to ensure the vehicle is properly registered.

Eligibility: If qualified, anyone can obtain a Limited Use plate.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: Limited Use plates are available at any full service RMV branch.

http://www.massrmv.com/BranchMap.aspx

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section1H

ELECTRIC VEHICLE

Eligibility: Anyone with an electric or hybrid passenger or commercial vehicle is eligible for Electric Vehicle plates.

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Available At: Electric Vehicle plates are available at any full service RMV branch.

http://www.massrmv.com/BranchMap.aspx

LOTTERY PLATES

Lottery Plates are "low number" plates. If a plate matches any of the combinations listed below, it is a Lottery plate…

1	One number (1 - 9)
12	Two Numbers (10 - 99)
123	Three Numbers (100 - 999)
1234	Four Numbers (1000 - 9999)
A1, O1	One Letter and One Number
1A	One Number and One Letter (excluding the letter "O")
12A	Two Numbers and One Letter (excluding the letter "O)
A12, O12	One Letter and Two Numbers
A	One Letter (A - Z)

There are no Lottery plates that begin with Zero

Fees: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/fees/20141.pdf

Renewal: The plates need to be renewed every two years.

Availability: Lottery Plate re-assignments can be processed at any full service RMV branch. If a customer requests to re-assign a Lottery plate, follow the steps below…

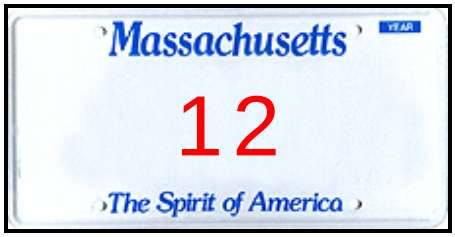
1. The customer must complete the following sections of the *Application for Lottery Plate Re-Assignment* - http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/forms/21490.pdf …
   - Relationship to Current Owner
   - Current Owner Information (transferor)
   - New Owner Information (transferee)
2. The application must be notarized. Photocopies are not acceptable.
3. Authorized branch personnel will process the re-assignment following existing procedures.
4. Branch personnel must forward all completed, notarized applications to the Special Plates Department.

Reference:

http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section2

SAMPLE
LOTTERY PLATES

One Number



Two Numbers

Three Numbers

Four Numbers

One Letter, One Number

One Number, One Letter

The Letter “O”, One Number
No Longer Issued

One Letter, Two Numbers

Two Numbers, One Letter

The Letter “O”, Two Numbers
No Longer Issued

One Letter