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## **Dealer Connection Special Edition - April 2022**

The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV) continues to provide information about ways dealers and business customers can process transactions, from electronic vehicle registration (EVR) to in-person transactions.

In this issue, you'll find information regarding changes to military license plates, including the mail-in application process and the limitations of transferring certain military plates in EVR after May 6, 2022.

## Military License Plates Mail-In Process

**On April 18, 2022,** the SCDMV centralized the application process for obtaining a military plate. Applications for military plates must be sent by mail to the SCDMV Headquarters in Blythewood for processing.

Customers who wish to obtain a military license plate must mail a completed Application for Military License Plate (MV-37), along with a copy of his or her DD-214, any other required paperwork, and applicable fees the following address:

SCDMV
Plates
PO Box 1498
Blythewood, SC 29016-0038

Once the paperwork and payment are received, the SCDMV will process the application, and the appropriate plate will be sent to the customer by mail.

## **Updated Military License Plates and Requirements**

On May 6, 2022, the SCDMV will update and expand available military license plates to align with new legislation. Several changes are scheduled, including:

- Many new military plates will be made available for purchase to eligible individuals.
- Several plates will have adjustments to the required fees.
- A new benefit will be added to certain plates that will allow free metered parking in SC.
- Military plates will require validation each year.
- The SCDMV will no longer issue permanent military plates.

An updated <u>Application for Military License Plates (MV-37)</u> will list the benefits of each military plate, as well as what is required to qualify for each plate. Customers can review the updated application on <u>SCDMV Forms and Manuals</u> on May 6, 2022.

Due to the change in law, **after May 6, 2022**, EVR dealers will not be able to issue first-time military plates through the EVR system.

Dealers will also not be able to transfer certain military plates, nor transfer any permanent military plates for a customer. See below for a list of plates and the corresponding plate classes that are not eligible for transfer via EVR:

- Disabled Veteran: DV, DV1, DV2, DVM, DVM1, DVM2, DVM3
- Handicap Veteran: HV, HV1, HV2, HV3
- Prisoner Of War: PW, PW1, PW2, PWM
- Medal Of Honor: MH
- Medal Of Honor Army: MOHA, MOHA1
- Medal Of Honor Navy: MOHN, MOHN1
- Medal Of Honor Air Force: MOHF, MOHF1
- Purple Heart: PH3
- Palmetto Cross: PA3
- World War II: WW1, WWM

In these cases, the dealer can submit the dealer work to a branch office but must ask the customer to mail the Application for Military License Plate (MV-37) and supporting documents to SCDMV Headquarters.

## **Online Resources**

Up-to-date information about military license plates can be found at

https://scdmvonline.com/Vehicle-Owners/Registration/License-Plates/Military-Plates.

View the entire military plates announcement at <a href="https://scdmvonline.com/News/Military-plates-announcement-2022">https://scdmvonline.com/News/Military-plates-announcement-2022</a>.

Download the Application for Military License Plates (SCDMV Form MV-37)\* at <a href="https://scdmvonline.com/-/media/Forms/MV-37.ashx">https://scdmvonline.com/-/media/Forms/MV-37.ashx</a>.

\*A new version of the Application for Military License Plates form is set to be published with all available plates on Friday, May 6, 2022.



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