



Learn more about military plates!

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Permanent Military Plate Update

BLYTHEWOOD, S.C. - Customers can now request a temporary transfer of their permanent military plate to another vehicle.

The goals of this change are:

- decreasing the time it takes the agency to review his or her documentation, and
- allowing Department of Revenue-granted property tax exemptions to remain in place while the customer has an opportunity to submit paperwork for their new vehicle.



While at the dealership, please have customers complete an [Application for Military License Plate \(Form MV-37\)](#) in its entirety. Please strongly encourage customers to include their email address on the **MV-37** too. Customers should mail the application with a **tracking number**. This will assist in a faster resolution if any follow-up is needed and will help to ensure that the plate being requested is the one that the customer receives.

The application and any required documentation that is already on file with the SCDMV will be reviewed. If all required documentation can be verified, a new military plate will be mailed to the customer within **15 business days** after receipt of the completed application (delivery times are subject to the local post office schedules).

Once the review at headquarters is complete, the old permanent plate will be exchanged for a new, **non-permanent** plate via mail. If additional documentation is needed to process the application, an email will be sent to the customer for further action. If there is no email address provided, a letter of request will be sent by mail.

The customer will have to provide the requested documents to the SCDMV by the deadline set by the agency. The customer will need to contact the [Department of Revenue \(DOR\)](#) to ensure that all exemption requirements are met. If the documentation is not received in the allotted time, the transferred permanent military plate will be invalidated, and the customer will be mailed a "While I Breathe, I Hope" plate to place on the vehicle. If the customer receives this plate in the mail, it must be put on their vehicle. If they fail to do this, and are stopped by law enforcement, the officer will see their military plate is invalid. This license plate does not hold any special privileges.

All permanent military plates will eventually be converted to non-permanent military plates at the point someone wants to order a new plate or transfer it to a new vehicle. In accordance with Section 56-3-15000, and to combat fraud, the SCDMV is committed to making sure that only those who qualify for the military plates can use them and receive the privileges associated with these plates.

For questions regarding this process, customers can call the SCDMV Contact Center at 803-896-5000 or send an email to WebHelpDesk@scdmv.net.



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