



MOTOR VEHICLE  
ADMINISTRATION

S E R V I C E S F O R  
**VETERANS &  
ACTIVE DUTY  
MILITARY**

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MDOT MVA is committed to providing premier customer service to the brave people who serve our country and our communities. We honor our veterans and active duty military by implementing measures that save time and make it easier to do business with us.

## VETERAN DESIGNATION ON LICENSES AND ID CARDS

Qualifying veterans may add a “VETERAN” designation to the front of their Maryland driver’s license or identification card. The designation allows for fast identification when applying for state benefits, utilizing military discounts and a range of other helpful uses. There is no cost to add the designation (or move it from the back of a previously issued card to the front). To qualify, veterans must provide a Veteran’s Medical Card, DD-214 Military Discharge Certificate, a letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, or other acceptable proof of eligibility. For a full list of approved documents, please visit our website, [mva.maryland.gov](http://mva.maryland.gov).



## VEHICLE REGISTRATION

MDOT MVA offers permanent vehicle registration cards and license plate stickers to Maryland veterans who qualify as 100 percent disabled. The registration received is permanent and veterans no longer required to make a physical trip to an MDOT MVA office. MDOT MVA also waives registration fees for vehicles owned by qualified disabled veterans.

## LICENSE PLATES FOR VETERANS

MDOT MVA offers more than 100 types of specialty license plates honoring veterans and their families. Design options include branch of service as well as special commendations and awards. To obtain a specialty plate, veterans must provide a DD-214 Military Discharge Certificate, a medical certification, or written proof from the National Personnel Records Center.



For 100 percent disabled veterans, MDOT MVA will accept a letter from the Veterans Administration stating a total disability and will issue a disability license plate. The registration card and license plate sticker are permanent and will not need to be renewed. Veterans can choose any plate, including a veteran plate, and it will display the universal wheelchair symbol.



Additionally, the Gold Star Next of Kin license plate is available not only to families whose loved ones have died in an armed conflict, but also to those who died while on active duty. To qualify, family members must bring in a copy of the DD-3 approved by the Department of Defense or an overseas death certificate issued by the military indicating the name and date of death.

## VEHICLE EMISSIONS INSPECTION PROGRAM (VEIP)

The Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program (VEIP) may grant an extension for the VEIP testing requirements for active duty military personnel serving out of state. An extension provides servicemembers with additional time to have their vehicle tested. An extension can be requested on our website, at an MDOT MVA kiosk, by mail, or in-person at any MDOT MVA branch or one of the 18 VEIP stations located throughout Maryland. MDOT MVA will also accept vehicle emissions inspection test results from other states for active duty military stationed in another state with their vehicle. Visit the MDOT MVA website to see a list of participating states.

## VETERANS SERVICE CENTER

Six MDOT MVA branches are also home to full-time veterans' benefits offices. Conveniently located inside the MDOT MVA branch offices, the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs offices are staffed by accredited service officers to provide representation to veterans and families when applying for U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs benefits. These services are available to all veterans in Maryland. Locations include:

Glen Burnie  
Hagerstown

Gaithersburg  
Cumberland

Bel Air  
Salisbury

Are you a veteran with a suggestion for how MDOT MVA can better assist you? Please contact us at:  
<https://mymva.maryland.gov/go/web/ContactMVA>.

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