

MVD Procedural Quick Update

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RE: Gold Star Family Special Plate Now Available
Effective date: Immediate

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To: All MVD
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[This is the latest in a series of procedural updates. These updates deal with specific MVD procedures and practices. Managers and Supervisors should consistently distribute the updates to all personnel and integrate them into regular information and training sessions.]

The Gold Star Family special plate is now available for order by qualifying family members (spouse, parent or stepparent) of any Service Member killed in an armed conflict with an enemy of the United States.

Effective immediately, the new Gold Star Family special license plate is available for order by customers using the new Application for Gold Star Family Plate (MVD-10100). The Application is available on MVD's Internet and intranet forms pages. As with our other special plates, a customer who fills out the application form and returns it to the MVD Vehicle Services Bureau in Santa Fe will receive the plate in the mail.



Unlike most other plates, there is no charge for the Gold Star Family plate.

In addition, no fee, including the regular registration fee, shall be collected for issuance of the first Gold Star Family registration plate (one plate only) that is issued to the service member's mother or spouse.

Gold Star Family registration plates are available to the surviving mother, father, stepparent or spouse of a service member killed in an armed conflict with an enemy of the United States. The division shall issue special registration plates for no more than four vehicles per Gold Star Family.

A separate application form must be completed and submitted for each Gold Star Family special registration plate that is applied for. Applications will be processed by MVD in the order that they are received by the MVD Vehicle Services Unit.

Like other military service related special plates, the applicant's eligibility for a Gold Star Family plate must be certified by the Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) based on documentation submitted by the applicant and on the service member's service record. If there is disagreement among family members with regard to allocation of the four plates that are available for each Gold Star family, a representative of DVS will attempt to mediate. Actual issuance of Gold Star Family plates by MVD will be as directed by DVS.

Field office managers and supervisors should refer any comments or questions regarding this Procedural Quick Update to their Bureau Chiefs, with cc to mac.lewis@state.nm.us. Others are encouraged to direct comments or questions directly to Mac Lewis.
