

MVD Procedural Quick Update

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RE: 50% Disabled Veteran's Plate and Free Registration
Effective date: June 17, 2011

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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.]

Effective Friday, June 17, 2011, the special plate for disabled veterans is available to veterans who are 50% or more (instead of 100%) disabled.

Section 66-3-412 NMSA 1978 provides for the issuance of special disabled veteran registration plates for up to two vehicles, including motorcycles, to a veteran who was 100% or more disabled while serving in the armed forces of the United States. It also provides that no fee, including regular registration fees, shall be collected for issuance of a special disabled veteran registration plate.

Effective June 17, Senate Bill 302, enacted by the 2011 Legislature, makes the special disabled veteran registration plates available to veterans who are 50% disabled.

The Application for Military Service Special Plate (MVD-10353) has been revised to reflect the change from 100% to 50%. The form MVD-10353 General Information and Instructions have also been revised to reflect the correct, current standard for determining whether the disabled veteran qualifies under the "mobility limitation" standard to have the wheelchair symbol included on the special plates.

As always, we depend on the New Mexico Department of Veterans Services to determine who does and does not meet the eligibility requirements for this and other military service special plates.

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, MVD Policy and Procedure Manager, at mac.lewis@state.nm.us.
