

810-5-1-.208 National Guard Distinctive License Plates.

(1) Active members of the Alabama National Guard, who are residents of Alabama, shall be entitled to claim a registration fee exemption for one passenger vehicle owned by an active guardsman.

(2) Retired members of the Alabama National Guard with twenty (20) years or more service, who are residents of Alabama, are also entitled to claim a registration fee exemption for one passenger vehicle owned by the retired member.

(3) The registration fee exemption shall apply to only one personally-owned, private passenger vehicle, pickup truck or pleasure motor vehicle. The exemption shall not apply to any vehicle exceeding 12,000 pounds, and shall not apply to, motorcycles, trailers, semitrailers, or motor vehicles used in the transportation of persons for hire. Additional distinctive National Guard license plates may be acquired by paying the regular privilege or license tax and registration fee as provided by law. Where an active member of the Alabama National Guard moves to another county and desires to purchase a National Guard military license plate, and the registration fee exemption has already been claimed in the prior county, the guard member shall present the National Guard identification card or Common Access Card, and the most recent copy of his or her Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) to the county license plate issuing official. This documentation will aid the license plate issuing official in ensuring that the individual qualifies to purchase the National Guard military license plate.

(4) To claim the exemption, the active National Guard member must present to the county license plate issuing official, a current Common Access Card (CAC) and an AGO Form 7 affidavit signed by the unit commander, confirming that the member/vehicle owner remains in the National Guard or State Guard and is entitled to the registration fee exemption.

(5) A retired member of the Alabama National Guard must present a United States Uniformed Services identification card and a NGB Form 22, or a Notice of Eligibility for Retired Pay at Age 60 as proof of retirement status.

(6) The passenger vehicle for which the National Guard distinctive license plate is sought shall be owned/operated by the member as evidenced by the member whose name appears on the title. The vehicle shall not be owned by a trust, corporation, LLC, spouse, dependent, etc.

(7) The registration fee exemption for the active and retired National Guard members may only be applied to the distinctive National Guard license plate or National Guard personalized distinctive license plate. Payment of the annual additional fee must be remitted to the county license plate issuing official before the personalized National Guard distinctive license plate may be issued.

(8) In the event a member of any Alabama National Guard unit, by virtue of military orders, is deployed outside Alabama, and thus is unable to personally provide to the county license plate issuing official their CAC and AGO Form 7 affidavit by his/her unit commander confirming that the member is on active military service and is thus entitled to an exemption under Section 40-12-244, Code of Alabama 1975, or other section of Alabama law providing for motor vehicle registration fee exemptions, the spouse, dependent or person granted power of attorney to conduct the business of the member may provide proof, as described below, that the member/vehicle owner/operator is in active military service, and the county license plate issuing official, relying on the proof provided, may authorize the registration fee exemption and issue the requested National Guard distinctive license plate for the member.

(9) In the event the Guard member is deployed outside Alabama, the proof document to be presented shall be the most recent copy of the serviceman's "Leave and Earnings Statement" (LES) or a copy of his/her mobilization orders, and the Guard member's spouse or dependent's military identification card.

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