

APPLICATION FOR HANDICAPPED PERSON LICENSE PLATE AND/OR PLACARD

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First-time plate applicant must bring completed application and old plate from car.

TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

Title and Registration Division
44 Vantage Way Suite 160
Nashville, TN 37243-8050

Application must be completed in the name of the applicant. Please complete all information and sign.

Please check the item requested:

- Permanent Placard \$21.50
- Temporary Placard \$10.00
- Renewal Temporary Placard \$10.00
- Renewal Permanent Placard \$3.00
- Replacement Placard \$2.00
- * Disabled Person License Plate

FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	LAST NAME	
STREET ADDRESS			
CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY	STATE	ZIP CODE
DATE OF BIRTH:	MONTH	DAY	YEAR

* Application for Disabled Person Plate must be presented in person to the County Clerk's office since a plate exchange must take place in this process. Fee for new plate is \$24, and a credit will be determined at the time of surrender of the exchange plate.

Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.) 55-21-103(f)(1) states: "Any person issued a permanent or temporary placard must submit a new certification pursuant to T.C.A. 55-21-102(1)(A) or (C), prior to the department renewing such permanent or temporary placard." (Please read reverse side.)

If application is for placard only, it is unnecessary to complete this portion of the application pertaining to identification of the vehicle.

Description of vehicle to which plates will be affixed

YEAR	MAKE OF VEHICLE	TITLE NUMBER
VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VIN)		

I, the undersigned applicant, hereby certify, under the penalties prescribed in chapter 55-21-108, (please read reverse side) Tennessee Code Annotated, that the statements made herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

APPLICANT SIGN HERE _____ DATE _____

**The following section must be completed by a
medical doctor licensed to practice medicine or a Christian Science practitioner listed in the Christian Science Journal**

Mechanical devise used: Crutches _____ Braces _____ Other (List) _____

Is applicant PERMANENTLY confined to a wheelchair? No _____ Yes _____

The nature of the disability is: _____

Physician's or Christian Science Practitioner's Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone No. _____

I hereby certify that the applicant named in this application has appeared before me, and that, in my opinion, he or she meets the requirements of T.C.A. 55-21-102(1)(A), (B), and (C) as printed on the reverse side of this application.

Physician's or Christian Science Practitioner's Signature _____ Date _____ Telephone _____

TITLING AND REGISTRATION DIVISION USE ONLY

APPROVED BY _____ DATE APPROVED _____ PLACARD NUMBER ASSIGNED _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____

REFERENCE MATERIAL FOR DISABLED PERSON LICENSE PLATES/PLACARD
T.C.A. 55-21-101 THROUGH 55-21-108
as amended effective July 1, 2004

- (1) T.C.A. 55-21-102(1)(A) "Disabled driver" is one who is disabled by paraplegia, amputation of leg, foot or both hands, or other condition, certified by a physician duly licensed to practice medicine, resulting in an equal degree of disability (specifying the particular condition) so as not to be able to get about without great difficulty, including impairments that, regardless of cause or manifestation, confine such person to a wheelchair or cause such person to be so ambulatory disabled that he or she cannot walk two hundred feet (200') without stopping to rest and includes, but is not limited to, those persons using braces or crutches, arthritics, spastics and those with pulmonary or cardiac ills who may be semi-ambulatory;"
- (2) T.C.A. 55-21-102(1)(B) "Disabled driver" also includes the owner of a motor vehicle with vision of not more than 20/200 with correcting glasses.
- (3) T.C.A. 55-21-102(1)(C) "Disabled driver" also includes the owner of a motor vehicle who is so ambulatory disabled that he or she cannot walk two hundred feet (200') without stopping to rest and who is seeking treatment and/or healing solely by prayer through spiritual means in the practice of religion in accordance with the creeds or tenets of the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Massachusetts. Such condition shall be certified by a Christian Science practitioner listed in The Christian Science Journal as resulting in a degree of disability so that such person is not able to get about without great difficulty;"
- (4) A disabled passenger is a person who meets the above requirements for a disabled driver.
- (5) The County Clerks shall, upon application accompanied by a physician's statement, provide and issue registration and license plates of distinctive design to disabled drivers. No physician shall provide a statement unless the applicant is disabled by one (1) of the above conditions and the nature of the disability shall be set forth in the statement.
- (6) One (1) registration and license plate shall be provided free to those disabled persons that are permanently and totally confined to a wheelchair, when so certified by a physician's statement.
- (7) Any person who qualifies for a disabled person license plate will be the titled owner or lessee of the vehicle.
- (8) Permanent and temporary placards shall be issued directly by the Department of Safety and participating County Clerks. Permanent placards may be issued to persons who are permanently disabled and whose permanent disability is noted on the physician's statement. The cost of a permanent placard shall be the same as the regular fee for passenger motor vehicles. T.C.A. 55-21-103(f)(1) states: "Any person issued a permanent or temporary placard must submit a new certification pursuant to T.C.A. 55-21-102(1)(A) or (C), prior to the department renewing such permanent or temporary placard." Permanent placards shall expire two (2) years from the date issued. Temporary placards may be issued to persons who are temporarily disabled by a non-ambulatory or semi-ambulatory condition due to surgery, bone fracture or breakage, or similar condition, and whose temporary disabling condition and the estimated duration of such condition is noted on the physician's statement. Temporary placards shall be issued for the estimated duration of the condition, but not in excess of six (6) months at a cost of ten dollars (\$10.00) and may be renewed one (1) time for the same fee.
- (9) When the recipient of a disabled placard dies, the responsible representative of the deceased shall return the placard(s) to the commissioner [or County Clerk's office].
- (10) No state agency, county, city, town or other municipality or any agency thereof shall exact any fee for parking on any street or highway or in any metered parking space or in parking lots municipally owned or leased.
- (11) Any person, except a person who meets the requirements for the issuance of a distinguishing placard or license plate or a disabled veteran's license plate who parks in any parking space designated with the wheelchair disabled sign is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- (12) T.C.A. 55-21-108(e) states: "Any person who is not a disabled driver as prescribed in T.C.A. 55-21-102, and who willfully and falsely represents himself as meeting the requirements to obtain either a permanent or temporary placard commits a Class A misdemeanor, punishable only by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000)."

NOTE: An affidavit must accompany this application when replacing a lost or stolen placard. If the placard is mutilated, the remaining portion of the placard must also accompany the application.