

CHAPTER 7403
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DRIVER AND VEHICLE SERVICES DIVISION
LICENSE PLATES

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7403.0100 DEFINITIONS.

[For text of subps 1 and 2, see M.R.]

Subp. 2a. **Naval zero.** "Naval zero" means a symbol or character depicted by a zero intersected with a virgule.

[For text of subps 3 to 4, see M.R.]

Subp. 6. **Regular plates.** "Regular plates" means standard issue, sequentially numbered and lettered plates.

Subp. 7. **Special plates.** "Special plates" means plates that are specifically selected by the applicant. Special plates include personalized plate combinations and plates that commemorate, signify membership in, or raise revenue for selected organizations.

[For text of subp 8, see M.R.]

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7403.0400 PLATES; FORMAT AND CONTENT.

Subpart 1. **Characters.** The characters displayed upon a plate may be only:

A. the following uppercase letters: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, and Z;

B. the following numbers: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9; and

C. the naval zero.

[For text of subp 2, see M.R.]

Subp. 4. **Characters limited.** Plates must have all of the following character limitations:

A. Plates must have at least one full-size letter or number.

B. Stacked characters must count as one full-size character. Stacked characters are two letters or numbers that occupy one space in which one letter or number is placed directly above the second letter or number.

C. No characters other than those specified in subpart 1, items A and B, will be permitted on a personalized plate. Stacked characters are not permitted on a personalized plate. The naval zero will be restricted for use on amateur radio operator (ARO) special license plates exclusively.

Subp. 5. **Duplication.** No plate may be a duplicate of any current plate or a duplicate of any plate in a numbering system used by the division. The number one (1) and the letter I, or the naval zero, the number zero (0), and the letter O are deemed to be the same character and may not be duplicated to create new combinations. For example, TIM and T1M would be considered duplicates.

[For text of subp 6, see M.R.]

Subp. 7. **Spacing and hyphenation.** An applicant may elect to group characters by spacing or hyphenation on a personalized plate. Hyphens must not be used consecutively. A space or hyphen is not a character. However, hyphens and spaces must count toward the total number of characters allowed on a plate. Combinations of characters, spaces, or hyphens totaling more than seven will be rejected. Motorcycle plates are limited to six characters. If the total of characters, spaces, or hyphens is less than these limits, the division shall have the right to center the characters, spaces, or hyphens on the plate.

[For text of subps 8 and 9, see M.R.]

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7403.0950 RETENTION OF RIGHTS TO PERSONALIZED PLATE COMBINATION.

An owner retains the rights to the personalized plate combination obtained only if the current registration is maintained. If the registration has lapsed for a period of at least one full 12-month registration year, the division may reissue the combination to any qualified applicant without notifying the previous owner. At any time during this year, the owner may waive the right to the combination. The division may accept an application at any time, but will not reissue a combination until the full 12-month registration period has lapsed.

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