

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Tennessee National Guard License Plates

Q. Tennessee National Guard members are authorized how many license plates?

A. Enlisted members of the Tennessee National Guard are authorized one (1) FREE National Guard plate or renewal sticker. If additional are desired, the enlisted guard member will pay the normal state and county fees.

Officers will be provided two specifically numbered license plates every year. Officers will purchase ALL plates at the normal state and county fee.

Q. What is the normal renewal time for Tennessee National Guard license plates?

A. Tennessee National Guard license plates are normally renewed in September each year. New plates and new lists of eligible recipients should have arrived at Clerk's offices by that time. New plates are issued each year for officers. Enlisted members will now be issued new metal plates every five years. They must obtain a renewal sticker each year after the initial metal-plate issue.

Q. If a Tennessee resident is a member of the National Guard in another state (ie. Mississippi, Virginia, Kentucky, etc.), are they authorized a National Guard plate?

A. No, the Tennessee National Guard license plate is authorized for members of the Tennessee National Guard, only.

Q. If a member of the Tennessee National Guard resides in another state, and his/her vehicle is registered in that state, are they authorized a Tennessee National Guard license plate?

A. No, vehicles must be registered in the State of Tennessee to receive a Tennessee National Guard license plate.

Q. Can a retired member of the Tennessee National Guard obtain a National Guard plate?

A. Yes. A Tennessee National Guard license plate may be issued to a retired member of the Tennessee National Guard after paying the normal issuance fee. Retired Guardsmen should first present their "retired" ID card.

Q. The normal issue/renewal date for Tennessee National Guard license plates is September. Can National Guard license plates be issued any other time?

A. Yes. The County Clerk should keep a sufficient number of Tennessee National Guard license plates to issue for new enlistees, persons obtaining new vehicles, etc.

Q. Can an enlisted member of the Tennessee National Guard obtain more than one license plate?

A. Yes. Enlisted members are authorized one (1) free license plate. Additional license plates can be obtained at the normal state and county fee. Limit 4 per Tennessee National Guard member.

Q. Are members of the TENNESSEE STATE GUARD authorized to obtain a Tennessee National Guard license plate?

A. No. Only members of the Tennessee National Guard are authorized to display the Tennessee National Guard license plate.

Q. What is the difference between Officer and Enlisted plates?

A. Tennessee National Guard officers are allowed two (2) Guard license plates per year at the normal state and county fee. One plate will designate the officer's rank within the Tennessee National Guard as of April 1 of the issue year, example – "240". The second plate will bear the same number with the designation "A" following the number, example – "240A".

However, enlisted plates are issued without regard to rank. Numbers are at random and no specific plate number is authorized.

Q. If a Tennessee National Guard member is not on my County list, can they still get a Tennessee National Guard license plate?

A. Yes. The member will need to obtain a letter from his/her unit stating they are a member in good standing with the Tennessee National Guard.

Q. What if a National Guard member changes residence/home county after the authorization list is generated?

A. The Guard member must furnish the County Clerk of his residence county with an authorization letter from the unit.

Q. What if I have a question regarding a Guardsman's plate?

A. Contact Master Sgt. (ret.) Nate Crawford immediately at 615-313-0793. Master Sgt. Crawford is the Tennessee National Guard's Point of Contact for license plates.

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