Revised Special License Plate Forms

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Revised Forms
The Special Interest License Plate Application (REG 17, REV. 1/2015) form was revised to:
• Remove the Livery License check box.
• Remove the California Firefighter check box.
• Add checkboxes for the “Honoring Veterans” Plate and a Duplicate Decal under the Veterans’ Organization checkbox.

**NOTE:** All special license plates, including those reserved as a gift, must be assigned to a vehicle currently registered in California.

The California Legacy License Plate Pre-Order Form (REG 17L, REV. 1/2013) was renamed the California 1960 Legacy License Plate Pre-Order Form (REG 17L, REV. 2/2015) and revised to:
• Remove the 1950 and 1970 replicated plate style checkboxes. These license plates did not receive the required 7,500 pre-order applications by December 31, 2014.
• Change the mail station to MS D405.

The Special License Plate Application (REG 17A) form was renamed the Special Recognition License Plate Application (REG 17A, REV. 1/2015) and revised to:
• Add a California Firefighter check box and section to order a personalized California Firefighter License Plate.
• Add an Ex-Prisoner of War (POW) check box.
• Delete the fees from the back of the form.

**NOTE:** Special recognition license plates require specific certification or documentation and are reserved on a REG 17A (REV. 2/2015). They cannot be retained or purchased as a gift and must be assigned to a vehicle currently registered in California.

Procedures

New special license plates **must** be assigned to a vehicle currently registered or leased in the license plate owner’s name in California. The vehicle cannot be on planned nonoperation (PNO) status or registered out of state, and the license plates cannot be sent out of state as collector license plates.

Continue to follow procedures in *Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual*, Chapter 21 for reserving special license plates. Additionally, when reserving special license plates as a gift, ensure the intended recipient is:
• Shown as the plate owner on the REG 17 or REG 17L.
• The registered owner of the vehicle the license plates will be assigned to.

Continue to mail REG 17L forms to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) address shown on the form.
Availability of Forms
REG 17, REG 17A, and REG 17L forms are available on the DMV website at www.dmv.ca.gov, under Forms. REG 17 forms will be available to order from the warehouse by the end of February 2015. REG 17A and REG 17L forms are available online only. Recycle previous versions of the revised forms.

Background
REG 17, REG 17A, and REG 17L forms were revised to incorporate changes in the special license plate programs. The Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual will be updated to reflect the new information.

Distribution
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References
California Vehicle Code §5110
Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual, Chapter 21
VR Dart, Chapter 9

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