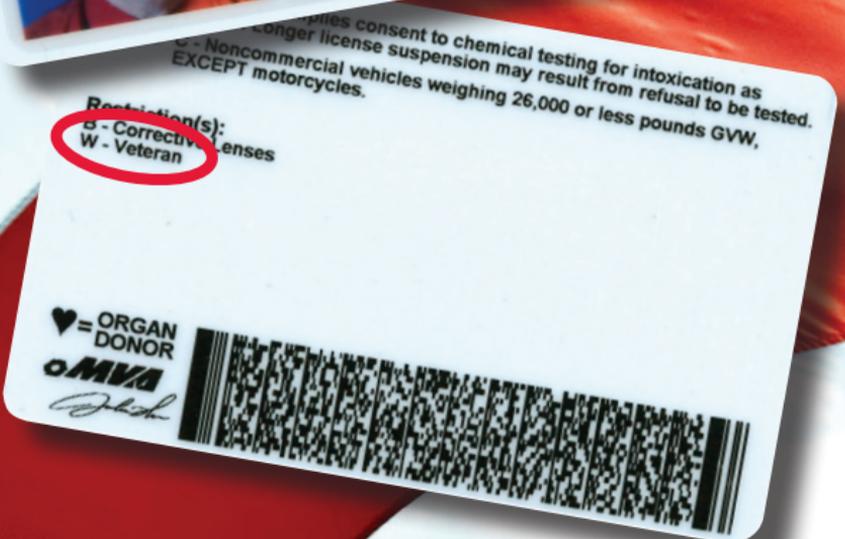


Veteran Designation for Driver's License and Identification Card



How It Works

MVA offers a VETERAN designation printed on the driver's license or identification (ID) card for qualifying veterans. The designation will place a "W" code on the front of the license or ID, with the word veteran on the back indicating that you are a United States Veteran. You can add this "W" designation when you are processed for a license or ID card renewal, correction or new product.*

Eligibility

To be eligible for the veteran designation, an individual must present documentation to verify that he / she served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States, other than for training, and was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.

For this purpose, a veteran is someone who served in the:

- U.S. Army**
- Navy**
- Air Force**
- Coast Guard**
- Marine Corps**
- National Guard**

Verification of Veteran and Discharge Status

Veterans must visit a MVA branch office and present their DD-214 Military Discharge Certificate, or; Honorable Discharge Certificate, or; Letter from the U.S. Military Center in St. Louis, Missouri, or; Letter from the Maryland Veterans Administration Service Program. The document can be a certified copy or an original, but it must show the veteran status as Honorable, General, General Under Honorable Conditions, or Discharged or Released under conditions other than Dishonorable.

If you do not have documents indicating a discharge or release under conditions other than dishonorable, you will need to contact the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) Service Office to obtain documentation verifying your status as a veteran. You may call 1-800-446-4926 or visit the MDVA website at: veterans.maryland.gov for information and assistance.

*The veteran designation is free-of-charge when applying for an original/renewal driver license or when making a change to a license. Veterans who are only adding a designation must pay the required fee for a duplicate license or ID.



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