

Part 4 License Plates and Registration Indicia

41-1a-401 License plates -- Number of plates -- Reflectorization -- Indicia of registration in lieu of or used with plates.

- (1)
 - (a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(c), the division upon registering a vehicle shall issue to the owner:
 - (i) one license plate for a motorcycle, trailer, or semitrailer;
 - (ii) one registration decal for a park model recreational vehicle, in lieu of a license plate, which shall be attached in plain sight to the rear of the park model recreational vehicle;
 - (iii) one registration decal for a camper, in lieu of a license plate, which shall be attached in plain sight to the rear of the camper; and
 - (iv) two identical license plates for every other vehicle.
 - (b) The license plate or registration decal issued under Subsection (1)(a) is for the particular vehicle registered and may not be removed during the term for which the license plate or registration decal is issued or used upon any other vehicle than the registered vehicle.
 - (c)
 - (i) Notwithstanding Subsections (1)(a) and (b) and except as provided in Subsection (1)(c)(ii), the division, upon registering a motor vehicle that has been sold, traded, or the ownership of which has been otherwise released, shall transfer the license plate issued to the person applying to register the vehicle if:
 - (A) the previous registered owner has included the license plate as part of the sale, trade, or ownership release; and
 - (B) the person applying to register the vehicle applies to transfer the license plate to the new registered owner of the vehicle.
 - (ii) The division may not transfer a personalized or special group license plate to a new registered owner under this Subsection (1)(c) if the new registered owner does not meet the qualification or eligibility requirements for that personalized or special group license plate under this part or Part 16, Special Group License Plates.
- (2) The division may receive applications for registration renewal, renew registration, and issue new license plates or registration decals at any time prior to the expiration of registration.
- (3)
 - (a)
 - (i) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(a)(ii), all license plates to be manufactured and issued by the division shall be treated with a fully reflective material on the plate face that provides effective and dependable reflective brightness during the service period of the license plate.
 - (ii) Notwithstanding Subsection (3)(a)(i), a historical support special group license plate may be treated with a place face that is partially reflective and provides effective and dependable reflective brightness during the service period of the license plate.
 - (b) The division shall prescribe all license plate material specifications and establish and implement procedures for conforming to the specifications.
 - (c) The specifications for the materials used such as the aluminum plate substrate, the reflective sheeting, and glue shall be drawn in a manner so that at least two manufacturers may qualify as suppliers.
 - (d) The granting of contracts for the materials shall be by public bid.
- (4)

- (a) The commission may issue, adopt, and require the use of indicia of registration it considers advisable in lieu of or in conjunction with license plates as provided in this part.
 - (b) All provisions of this part relative to license plates apply to these indicia of registration, so far as the provisions are applicable.
- (5) A violation of this section is an infraction.

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41-1a-402 Standard license plates -- Required colors, numerals, and letters -- Expiration.

- (1)
- (a) Upon registering a vehicle, the division shall issue to the owner a standard license plate described in Subsection (1)(b) unless the division issues to the owner:
 - (i) a special group license plate in accordance with Section 41-1a-418; or
 - (ii) an apportioned vehicle license plate in accordance with Section 41-1a-301.
 - (b) The division may offer up to four standard license plate options at one time, each with a different design as follows:
 - (i) two designs that incorporate one or more elements that represent the state's economy or geography;
 - (ii) one design that represents the state's values or culture; and
 - (iii) one design that commemorates a current event relevant to the state or a significant anniversary of a historic event relevant to the state.
 - (c) The division shall offer:
 - (i) each design described in Subsection (1)(b)(i) or (ii) for at least a 10-year period; and
 - (ii) each design described in Subsection (1)(b)(iii) for no more than a five-year period.
 - (d) The division may not offer more than four standard license plate designs at any one time.
- (2) Before the division may offer a design described in Subsection (1)(b), the division shall:
- (a) consult with the Utah Department of Cultural and Community Engagement regarding the proposed design;
 - (b) identify which current standard license plate design will be replaced by the proposed design;
 - (c) submit the proposed design to the governor for approval; and
 - (d) if the governor approves the design pursuant to Subsection (2)(c), submit to the Transportation Interim Committee a request for the Legislature to approve the proposed design by concurrent resolution.
- (3) The division may issue a new standard license plate design only if:
- (a) the Legislature has by concurrent resolution approved the standard license plate design; and
 - (b) sufficient funds are appropriated for the initial costs of production.
- (4)
- (a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), the division may not order or produce a standard license plate that is discontinued under this section.
 - (b) The division may issue a discontinued standard license plate until the division exhausts the discontinued standard license plate's remaining stock.
- (5) Each license plate shall have displayed on it:
- (a) the registration number assigned to the vehicle for which the license plate is issued;
 - (b) the name of the state; and
 - (c) unless exempted by Section 41-1a-301 or 41-1a-407, a registration decal showing the date of expiration displayed in accordance with Subsection (8).

- (6) If registration is extended by affixing a registration decal to the license plate, the expiration date of the registration decal governs the expiration date of the license plate.
- (7)
 - (a) Except as provided under Subsection 41-1a-215(2) and Section 41-1a-216, license plates shall be renewed annually.
 - (b)
 - (i) The division shall issue the vehicle owner a month registration decal and a year registration decal upon the vehicle's first registration with the division.
 - (ii) The division shall issue the vehicle owner only a year registration decal upon subsequent renewals of registration to validate registration renewal.
- (8) Except as otherwise provided by rule:
 - (a) the month registration decal issued in accordance with Subsection (7) shall be displayed on the license plate in the left position; and
 - (b) the year registration decal issued in accordance with Subsection (7) shall be displayed on the license plate in the right position.
- (9) The current year registration decal issued in accordance with Subsection (7) shall be placed over or in place of the previous year registration decal.
- (10) If a license plate, month registration decal, or year registration decal is lost or destroyed, a replacement shall be issued upon application and payment of the fees required under Section 41-1a-1211 or 41-1a-1212.
- (11)
 - (a) A violation of this section is an infraction.
 - (b) A court shall waive a fine for a violation under this section if:
 - (i) the registration for the vehicle was current at the time of the citation; and
 - (ii) the person to whom the citation was issued provides, within 21 business days, evidence that the license plate and registration decals are properly displayed in compliance with this section.
- (12) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the division may make rules regarding the placement and positioning of registration decals on license plates issued by the division.

Repealed and Re-enacted by Chapter 33, 2023 General Session

41-1a-403 Plates to be legible from 100 feet.

- (1) License plates and the required letters and numerals on them, except the decals and the slogan, shall be of sufficient size to be plainly readable from a distance of 100 feet during daylight.
- (2) An individual may not attach a tinted or translucent license plate cover that obscures the readability of the license plate as required in Subsection (1).
- (3) A violation of this section is an infraction.

Amended by Chapter 440, 2023 General Session

41-1a-404 Location and position of plates -- Visibility of plates -- Exceptions.

- (1) License plates issued for a vehicle other than a motorcycle, trailer, vintage vehicle, or semitrailer shall be attached to the vehicle, one in the front and the other in the rear.
- (2)

- (a) The license plate issued for a motorcycle, trailer, or semitrailer shall be attached to the rear of the motorcycle, trailer, or semitrailer.
- (b)
 - (i) An owner of a vintage vehicle shall ensure that a license plate is attached to the rear of the vintage vehicle.
 - (ii) An owner of a vintage vehicle is not required to display a license plate on the front of the vintage vehicle.
- (3) Except as provided in Subsection (5), a license plate shall at all times be:
 - (a) securely fastened:
 - (i) in a horizontal position to the vehicle for which it is issued to prevent the plate from swinging;
 - (ii) at a height of not less than 12 inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom of the plate; and
 - (iii) in a place and position to be clearly visible; and
 - (b) maintained:
 - (i) free from foreign materials or a tinted or translucent license plate cover; and
 - (ii) in a condition to be clearly legible.
- (4) Enforcement by a state or local law enforcement officer of the requirement under Subsection (1) to attach a license plate to the front of a vehicle shall be only as a secondary action when the vehicle has been detained for a suspected violation by any person in the vehicle of Title 41, Motor Vehicles, other than the requirement under Subsection (1) to attach a license plate to the front of the vehicle, or for another offense.
- (5) The provisions of Subsections (3)(a)(iii) and (3)(b) do not apply:
 - (a) to a license plate that is obscured exclusively by one or more of the following devices or by the cargo the device is carrying, if the device is installed according to manufacturer specifications or generally accepted installation practices:
 - (i) a trailer hitch;
 - (ii) a wheelchair lift or wheelchair carrier;
 - (iii) a trailer being towed by the vehicle;
 - (iv) a bicycle rack, ski rack, or luggage rack; or
 - (v) a similar cargo carrying device; or
 - (b) to a military vehicle if the license plate is in the military vehicle and ready for inspection by law enforcement upon request.
- (6) A violation of this section is an infraction.

Amended by Chapter 440, 2023 General Session

41-1a-407 Plates issued to political subdivisions or state -- Use of "EX" letters -- Confidential information.

- (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), each municipality, board of education, school district, state institution of learning, county, other governmental division, subdivision, or district, and the state shall:
 - (a) place a license plate displaying the letters, "EX" on every vehicle owned and operated by it or leased for its exclusive use; and
 - (b) display an identification mark designating the vehicle as the property of the entity in a conspicuous place on both sides of the vehicle.
- (2) The entity need not display the "EX" license plate or the identification mark required by Subsection (1) if:

- (a) the vehicle is in the direct service of the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, state auditor, or state treasurer of Utah;
 - (b) the vehicle is used in official investigative work where secrecy is essential;
 - (c) the vehicle is used in an organized Utah Highway Patrol operation that is:
 - (i) conducted within a county of the first or second class as defined under Section 17-50-501, unless no more than one unmarked vehicle is used for the operation;
 - (ii) approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety;
 - (iii) of a duration of 14 consecutive days or less; and
 - (iv) targeted toward careless driving, aggressive driving, and accidents involving:
 - (A) violations of Title 41, Chapter 6a, Part 5, Driving Under the Influence and Reckless Driving;
 - (B) speeding violations for exceeding the posted speed limit by 21 or more miles per hour;
 - (C) speeding violations in a reduced speed school zone under Section 41-6a-604;
 - (D) violations of Section 41-6a-1002 related to pedestrian crosswalks; or
 - (E) violations of Section 41-6a-702 related to lane restrictions;
 - (d) the vehicle is provided to an official of the entity as part of a compensation package allowing unlimited personal use of that vehicle;
 - (e) the personal security of the occupants of the vehicle would be jeopardized if the "EX" license plate were in place; or
 - (f) the vehicle is used in routine enforcement on a state highway with four or more lanes involving:
 - (i) violations of Section 41-6a-701 related to operating a vehicle on the right side of a roadway;
 - (ii) violations of Section 41-6a-702 related to left lane restrictions;
 - (iii) violations of Section 41-6a-704 related to overtaking and passing vehicles proceeding in the same direction;
 - (iv) violations of Section 41-6a-711 related to following a vehicle at a safe distance; and
 - (v) violations of Section 41-6a-804 related to turning and changing lanes.
- (3) Plates issued to Utah Highway Patrol vehicles may bear the capital letters "UHP," a beehive logo, and the call number of the trooper to whom the vehicle is issued.
- (4)
- (a) The commission shall issue "EX" and "UHP" plates.
 - (b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the commission shall make rules establishing the procedure for application for and distribution of the plates.
- (5) For a vehicle that qualifies for "EX" or "UHP" license plates, the entity is not required to display the month or year registration decals described in Section 41-1a-402.
- (6)
- (a) Information shall be confidential for vehicles that are not required to display the "EX" license plate or the identification mark under Subsections (2)(a), (b), (d), and (e).
 - (b)
 - (i) If a law enforcement officer's identity must be kept secret, the law enforcement officer's agency head may request in writing that the division remove the license plate information of the officer's personal vehicles from all public access files and place it in a confidential file until the assignment is completed.
 - (ii) The agency head shall notify the division when the assignment is completed.
- (7) A peace officer engaged in an organized operation under Subsection (2)(c) shall be in a uniform clearly identifying the law enforcement agency the peace officer is representing during the operation.

Amended by Chapter 20, 2018 General Session

41-1a-410 Eligibility for personalized plates.

- (1) A person who is the registered owner of a vehicle not subject to registration under Section 41-1a-301, registered with the division, or who applies for an original registration of a vehicle not subject to registration under Section 41-1a-301, may upon payment of the fee prescribed in Section 41-1a-1211 apply to the division for personalized license plates.
- (2) Application shall be made in accordance with Section 41-1a-411.
- (3) The personalized plates shall be affixed to the vehicle for which registration is sought in lieu of the regular license plates.
- (4) Personalized license plates shall be issued only to the registered owner of the vehicle on which they are to be displayed.

Amended by Chapter 222, 1993 General Session

41-1a-411 Application for personalized plates -- Refusal authorized.

- (1) An applicant for personalized license plates or renewal of the plates shall file an application for the plates in the form and by the date the division requires, indicating the combination of letters, numbers, or both requested as a registration number.
- (2)
 - (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3), the division may refuse to issue any combination of letters, numbers, or both that:
 - (i) may carry connotations offensive to good taste and decency or that would be misleading; or
 - (ii) disparages a group based on:
 - (A) race;
 - (B) color;
 - (C) national origin;
 - (D) religion;
 - (E) age;
 - (F) sex;
 - (G) gender identity;
 - (H) sexual orientation;
 - (I) citizenship status; or
 - (J) physical or mental disability.
 - (b) The division may refuse to issue a combination of letters, numbers, or both as a registration number if that same combination is already in use as a registration number on an existing license plate.
- (3)
 - (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2) or (3)(b), the division may not refuse a combination of letters, numbers, or both as a registration number if:
 - (i) the license plate is an honor special group license plate as described in Section 41-1a-421, and the combination of letters, numbers, or both refers to:
 - (A) a year related to military service;
 - (B) a military branch; or
 - (C) an official achievement, badge, or honor received for military service; or
 - (ii) the combination of letters, numbers, or both as a registration number refers to an official state symbol described in Section 63G-1-601.

- (b) If an applicant requests a combination containing only numbers, the division may refuse the combination if the combination includes less than four numerical digits.

Amended by Chapter 259, 2020 General Session

41-1a-412 Design of personalized plates.

The personalized license plates shall be the same color and design as regular license plates designed for the type of vehicle being licensed and shall consist of numbers, letters, or any combination as fixed by the division, provided that there are no conflicts with existing or anticipated license plate series.

Renumbered and Amended by Chapter 1, 1992 General Session

41-1a-413 Personalized plates -- Sale of vehicle -- Transfer of plates -- Release of priority.

Except as provided in Subsection 41-1a-401(1)(c), if a person who has been issued personalized license plates sells, trades, or otherwise releases ownership of the vehicle for which the personalized license plates have been issued, that person shall immediately:

- (1) apply to display the license plates on a different vehicle owned by the person; or
- (2) surrender the license plates to the division and release his priority to the letters and numbers displayed on the personalized license plates.

Amended by Chapter 454, 2018 General Session

41-1a-414 Parking privileges for persons with disabilities.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Accessible parking space" means a parking space that is clearly identified as reserved for use by a person with a disability and includes:

- (i) vertical signage, including the international symbol of accessibility, that is visible from a passing vehicle; and
- (ii) a clearly marked access aisle, if provided, that is adjacent to and considered part of the parking space.

(b) "Temporary wheelchair user placard" means the same as that term is defined in Section 41-1a-420.

(c) "Van accessible parking space" means an accessible parking space that is marked for use by a qualifying person with a walking disability who has a temporary wheelchair user placard or a wheelchair user placard and includes:

- (i) vertical signage with the international symbol of accessibility and the words "van accessible" that is visible from a passing vehicle; and
- (ii) a clearly marked access aisle that is adjacent to and considered part of the parking space.

(d) "Walking disability" means a physical disability that requires the use of a walking-assistive device or wheelchair or similar low-powered motorized or mechanically propelled vehicle that is specifically designed to assist a person who has a limited or impaired ability to walk.

(e) "Wheelchair user placard" means the same as that term is defined in Section 41-1a-420.

(2) Except in parking areas designated for emergency use, a person with a disability, qualifying under rules made in accordance with Section 41-1a-420, may park an appropriately marked vehicle for reasonable periods without charge in metered parking zones and restricted parking areas, in a manner that allows proper access to the vehicle by the person with a disability.

(3)

- (a) Only those vehicles carrying a person with a disability special group license plate, temporary removable windshield placard, or removable windshield placard and transporting a qualifying person with a disability may park in an accessible parking space.
- (b) A violation of Subsection (3)(a) is a class C misdemeanor.
- (c) A person described in Subsection (3)(a) is encouraged to avoid parking in a van accessible parking space unless:
 - (i) the person has a walking disability and has a temporary wheelchair user placard;
 - (ii) the person has a wheelchair user placard; or
 - (iii) all other accessible parking spaces that are not van accessible parking spaces are occupied.
- (4) This section applies to and may be enforced on public property and on private property that is used or intended for use by the public.
- (5) The parking privileges granted by this section also apply to vehicles displaying a person with a disability special group license plate, temporary removable windshield placard, or removable windshield placard issued by another jurisdiction if displayed on a vehicle being used by a person with a disability.

Amended by Chapter 41, 2017 General Session

41-1a-415 Lost or damaged license plate.

If a license plate is lost or becomes illegible, the owner of the vehicle for which the license plate was issued shall immediately apply for and obtain a replacement license plate upon the applicant furnishing information satisfactory to the division and paying the applicable fee.

Enacted by Chapter 1, 1992 General Session

41-1a-416 Original issue license plates -- Alternative stickers -- Rulemaking.

- (1) The owner of a motor vehicle that is a model year 1973 or older may apply to the division for permission to display an original issue license plate.
- (2) An owner described in Subsection (1) shall:
 - (a) complete an application on a form provided by the division;
 - (b) supply and submit to the division for approval the original issue license plate that the owner intends to display on the motor vehicle; and
 - (c) pay the fees prescribed in Sections 41-1a-1206 and 41-1a-1211.
- (3) Before approving an application described in this section, the division shall determine that the original issue license plate:
 - (a) is of a format and type issued by the state for use on a motor vehicle;
 - (b) has numbers and characters that are unique and do not conflict with existing license plate series in this state;
 - (c) is legible, durable, and otherwise in a condition that serves the purposes of this chapter; and
 - (d) is from the same year of issue as the model year of the motor vehicle on which the original issue license plate is to be displayed.
- (4)
 - (a) Except as provided in this section, the owner of a motor vehicle displaying original issue license plates approved under this section is not exempt from any requirement described in this chapter.
 - (b) An original issue license plate approved under this section is exempt from:
 - (i) the provisions of Section 41-1a-401 regarding reflectorization; and

- (ii) Section 41-1a-403.
- (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (4)(a), if a motor vehicle displaying an original issue license plate is also a vintage vehicle as defined in Section 41-21-1, the motor vehicle qualifies for the same exemptions as a vintage vehicle.
- (5) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the division may make rules for the implementation of this section.

Amended by Chapter 33, 2023 General Session
Amended by Chapter 219, 2023 General Session

41-1a-418 Authorized special group license plates.

- (1) In accordance with this chapter, the division shall issue to an eligible applicant a special group license plate in one of the following categories:
 - (a) a disability special group license plate issued in accordance with Section 41-1a-420;
 - (b) a special group license plate issued for a:
 - (i) vintage vehicle;
 - (ii) farm truck; or
 - (iii) special group license plate described in Section 41-1a-1602.
- (2) The division may not issue a new type of special group license plate or symbol decal unless the division receives:
 - (a) a private donation for the start-up fee established under Section 63J-1-504 for the production and administrative costs of providing the new special group license plate or symbol decal; or
 - (b) a legislative appropriation for the start-up fee described in Subsection (2)(a).
- (3) Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter, the division may not require a contribution as defined in Section 41-1a-1601 for a special group license plate described in Subsection (1)(a) or (b).

Renumbered and Amended by Chapter 33, 2023 General Session

41-1a-419 Plate design -- Vintage vehicle certification and registration -- Personalized special group license plates -- Rulemaking.

- (1)
 - (a) In accordance with Subsection (1)(b), the division shall determine the design and number of numerals or characters on a special group license plate.
 - (b)
 - (i) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b)(ii), each special group license plate shall display:
 - (A) the word Utah;
 - (B) the name or identifying slogan of the special group;
 - (C) a symbol decal not exceeding two positions in size representing the special group; and
 - (D) the combination of letters, numbers, or both uniquely identifying the registered vehicle.
 - (ii) The division, in consultation with the Utah State Historical Society, shall design the historical support special group license plate, which shall:
 - (A) have a black background;
 - (B) have white characters; and
 - (C) display the word Utah.
- (2)
 - (a) The division shall, after consultation with a representative designated by the sponsoring organization as defined in Section 41-1a-1601, specify the word or words comprising the

- special group name and the symbol decal to be displayed upon the special group license plate.
- (b) A special group license plate symbol decal may not be redesigned:
 - (i) unless the division receives a redesign fee established by the division under Section 63J-1-504; and
 - (ii) more frequently than every five years.
 - (c) A special group license plate symbol decal may not be reordered unless the division receives a symbol decal reorder fee established by the division in accordance with Section 63J-1-504.
- (3) The license plates issued for horseless carriages prior to July 1, 1992, are valid without renewal as long as the vehicle is owned by the registered owner and the license plates may not be recalled by the division.
- (4) Subject to Subsection 41-1a-411(4)(a), a person who meets the requirements described in this part or Part 16, Sponsored Special Group License Plates, for a special group license plate may, apply for a personalized special group license plate in accordance with Sections 41-1a-410 and 41-1a-411.
- (5) Subject to this chapter, the commission shall make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to:
- (a) establish qualifying criteria for persons to receive, renew, or surrender special group license plates; and
 - (b) establish the number of numerals or characters for special group license plates.

Amended by Chapter 33, 2023 General Session

41-1a-420 Disability special group license plates -- Application and qualifications -- Rulemaking.

- (1) As used in this section:
- (a) "Advanced practice registered nurse" means a person licensed to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse in this state under Title 58, Chapter 31b, Nurse Practice Act.
 - (b) "Nurse practitioner" means an advanced practice registered nurse specializing as a nurse practitioner.
 - (c) "Physician" means a person licensed to practice as a physician or osteopath in this state under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, or Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act.
 - (d) "Physician assistant" means an individual licensed to practice as a physician assistant in the state under Title 58, Chapter 70a, Utah Physician Assistant Act.
 - (e) "Temporary wheelchair user placard" means a removable windshield placard that is issued to a qualifying person, as provided in this section, who has a walking disability that is not permanent.
 - (f) "Walking disability" means a physical disability that requires the use of a walking-assistive device or wheelchair or similar low-powered motorized or mechanically propelled vehicle that is designed to specifically assist a person who has a limited or impaired ability to walk.
 - (g) "Wheelchair user placard" means a removable windshield placard that is issued to a qualifying person, as provided in this section, who has a walking disability.
- (2)
- (a) The division shall issue a disability special group license plate, a temporary removable windshield placard, or a removable windshield placard to an applicant who is either:
 - (i) a qualifying person with a disability; or

- (ii) the registered owner of a vehicle that an organization uses primarily for the transportation of persons with disabilities that limit or impair the ability to walk.
 - (b) The division shall issue a temporary wheelchair user placard or a wheelchair user placard to an applicant who is either:
 - (i) a qualifying person with a walking disability; or
 - (ii) the registered owner of a vehicle that an organization uses primarily for the transportation of persons with walking disabilities.
 - (c) The division shall require that an applicant under Subsection (2)(b) certifies that the person travels in a vehicle equipped with a wheelchair lift or a vehicle carrying the person's walking-assistive device or wheelchair and requires a van accessible parking space.
- (3)
- (a) The person with a disability shall ensure that the initial application contains the certification of a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner that:
 - (i) the applicant meets the definition of a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk as defined in the federal Uniform System for Parking for Persons with Disabilities, 23 C.F.R. Ch. II, Subch. B, Pt. 1235.2 (1991);
 - (ii) if the person is applying for a temporary wheelchair user placard or a wheelchair user placard, the applicant has a walking disability; and
 - (iii) specifies the period of time that the physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner determines the applicant will have the disability, not to exceed six months in the case of a temporary disability or a temporary walking disability.
 - (b) The division shall issue a disability special group license plate, a removable windshield placard, or a wheelchair user placard, as applicable, to a person with a permanent disability.
 - (c) The issuance of a person with a disability special group license plate does not preclude the issuance to the same applicant of a removable windshield placard or wheelchair user placard.
 - (d)
 - (i) On request of an applicant with a disability special group license plate, a temporary removable windshield placard, or a removable windshield placard, the division shall issue one additional placard.
 - (ii) On request of a qualified applicant with a disability special group license plate, the division shall issue up to two temporary wheelchair user placards or two wheelchair user placards.
 - (iii) On request of a qualified applicant with a temporary wheelchair user placard or a wheelchair user placard, the division shall issue one additional placard.
 - (e) The division shall ensure that a temporary wheelchair user placard and a wheelchair user placard have the following visible features:
 - (i) a large "W" next to the internationally recognized disabled persons symbol; and
 - (ii) the words "Wheelchair User" printed on a portion of the placard.
 - (f) The division shall ensure that the following statement is included on a removable windshield placard issued on or after January 1, 2024: "Under state law, a disability placard may only be used by, or for the transportation of, the person to whom the disability placard is issued. A person who misuses another person's disability placard for parking privileges is guilty of a class C misdemeanor."
 - (g) A disability special group license plate, temporary removable windshield placard, or removable windshield placard may be used to allow one motorcycle to share a parking space reserved for persons with a disability if:
 - (i) the person with a disability:
 - (A) is using a motorcycle; and

- (B) displays on the motorcycle a disability special group license plate, temporary removable windshield placard, or a removable windshield placard;
 - (ii) the person who shares the parking space assists the person with a disability with the parking accommodation; and
 - (iii) the parking space is sufficient size to accommodate both motorcycles without interfering with other parking spaces or traffic movement.
- (4)
- (a) When a vehicle is parked in a parking space reserved for persons with disabilities, a temporary removable windshield placard, a removable windshield placard, a temporary wheelchair user placard, or a wheelchair user placard shall be displayed so that the placard is visible from the front of the vehicle.
 - (b) If a motorcycle is being used, the temporary removable windshield placard or removable windshield placard shall be displayed in plain sight on or near the handle bars of the motorcycle.
- (5) The commission shall make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to:
- (a) establish qualifying criteria for persons to receive, renew, or surrender a disability special group license plate, a temporary removable windshield placard, a removable windshield placard, a temporary wheelchair user placard, or a wheelchair user placard in accordance with this section;
 - (b) establish the maximum number of numerals or characters for a disability special group license plate;
 - (c) require all temporary removable windshield placards, removable windshield placards, temporary wheelchair user placards, and wheelchair user placards to include:
 - (i) an identification number;
 - (ii) an expiration date not to exceed:
 - (A) six months for a temporary removable windshield placard; and
 - (B) two years for a removable windshield placard; and
 - (iii) the seal or other identifying mark of the division; and
 - (d) establish standards for the statement required in Subsection (3)(f).
- (6) The commission shall insert the following on motor vehicle registration certificates:
- "State law prohibits persons who do not lawfully possess a disability placard or disability special group license plate from parking in an accessible parking space designated for persons with disabilities. Persons who possess a disability placard or disability special group license plate are discouraged from parking in an accessible parking space designated as van accessible unless they have a temporary wheelchair user placard or a wheelchair user placard."

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