

Georgia Veterans

Department of Driver Services (DDS) appreciates your service!

We are pleased to offer eligible veterans free driver's licenses and Georgia Identification Cards.

To get your free Veteran Driver's License you must present an original Certificate of Eligibility (DS516) approved by the Georgia Department of Veterans Service.

The original **Certificate of Eligibility (DS516)** can only be obtained from the **Department of Veterans Service** upon presentation of separation papers (DD214) declaring the following:

- Actual wartime service;
- Honorable discharge;
- Resident of the state of Georgia, either at the time of entry into service or at least 2 consecutive years preceding date of application.

*Activation for training purposes does not qualify an individual for a Georgia Veteran's License.

*See a listing of eligible conflict periods on the back of this brochure

The original Certificate of Eligibility (DS-516) is then presented by the veteran to any Department of Driver Services (DDS) Customer Service Center along with any other documentation needed to prove identity, lawful presence and residency for issuance of the license or ID at no cost.

**American Flag
Indicates Veteran**



VETERAN

Honorary License

The spouse of a disabled honorably separated veteran who does not have a driver's license or the unmarried spouse of a deceased, honorably separated veteran, is entitled to the same license available to the veteran. An applicant for this type of license must meet the same requirements as those required for a veteran's license.

For the unmarried spouse, the death certificate along with DD214 must be submitted to the **GA Department of Veterans Service** to obtain an original Certificate of Eligibility (DS516).

National Guard

All members or former members of the Georgia National Guard or reserve forces, who have **20 or more years** of creditable service, are entitled to a free veteran's license. A document of certification must be obtained from the Adjutant General of the State of Georgia, stating the applicant's eligibility, and presented to any examining office of the Department of Driver Services.

A distinctive license may be issued to any member of the Georgia National Guard in good standing who has completed at least one year of satisfactory service. A certificate of eligibility (DS-318) form must be obtained from the local National Guard Commanding Officer; and presented to any examining office of the Department of Driver Services. This license is renewable during the time of service in the National Guard or until 20 years of service has been obtained which entitles you to a Veteran's License.

For Renewals

New Federal homeland security rules require everyone to provide information at your next renewal. Create a Custom Document Checklist at www.dds.ga.gov.

Effective July 1, 2012,

you'll need to come **IN PERSON** and bring the following:

- Original birth certificate or valid passport
- Social security card
- Two proofs of residency
- Documents supporting any legal name changes

VETERANS MUST HAVE SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY DURING ONE OF THE PERIODS OF CONFLICTS BELOW:

World War I	April 6, 1917 through November 11, 1918. The period for a veteran who served with the U.S. Military forces in Russia would include April 6, 1917, through April 1, 1920.
World War II	December 7, 1941 through December 31, 1946
Korea	June 27, 1950 through January 31, 1955
Lebanon Conflict	July 1, 1958 through November 1, 1958
Vietnam	July 1, 1958 through May 7, 1975
Berlin Conflict	August 14, 1961 through June 1, 1963
Dominican Republic Conflict	April 28, 1965 through September 21, 1966
Grenada Conflict	October 23, 1983 through November 21, 1983
Panama Liberation	December 30, 1989 through February 15, 1990
Saudi Arabia Iraq Kuwait Persian Gulf	August 2, 1990 - ending date unknown at this time

Online Services www.dds.ga.gov

Today Georgia drivers with a current driving record on file can save time and money by completing many transactions online:

- Change your address
- CDL Drivers Submit Medical Certification/Self-Certify
- Request a replacement driver's license
- View and/or download a copy of your driving history
- Pay "Super Speeder" fees
- Take a practice written test
- Create a password to monitor each transaction process
- Print the most recent version of the *Georgia Driver's Manual*
- Pay some reinstatement fees
- Check the status of a license (valid or invalid; points)

Veterans and National Guard Driver's Licenses



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