

North Dakota State Veteran's Benefits



The state of North Dakota provides several veteran benefits. This section offers a brief description of each of the following benefits.

- Housing Benefits
- Financial Assistance Benefits
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Housing Benefits

Veterans Home

The North Dakota Veterans Home, located in Lisbon, North Dakota, consists of 111 basic care and 38 skilled nursing beds. The Veterans Home was established to provide service to an eligible veteran who is:

- A bona fide resident of North Dakota for at least one year; or
- Served in a North Dakota regiment (activated N. D. National Guard); or
- Entered the Armed Forces as a North Dakota resident; or
- Is the spouse or surviving spouse of above veteran.

Application may be made through any County Veterans Service Officer which can be located at <http://www.nd.gov/veterans/officers/county-officers.html>

Learn more about the North Dakota Veterans Homes at
<http://www.nd.gov/veterans/benefits/homes.html>

Financial Assistance Benefits

Hardship Grant

The purpose of this assistance is to provide monies to give aid and comfort to veterans and their spouses, or unremarried widow/widowers of eligible veterans. The individual must have an unmet emergency need of dental work, eye glasses, hearing aids, transportation for medical treatment, or any special need approved by the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs. Routine and maintenance procedures are not covered.

Learn more about the Hardship Grant at <http://www.nd.gov/veterans/benefits/grant.html>

Loan Program

The Veterans Aid Fund is a permanent fund to be used solely for the purpose of making loans to veterans or their widow/widowers. To qualify, the applicant is required to be a: peacetime veteran, wartime veteran or, National Guard with active duty, or unremarried widow/widower of eligible veteran; a citizen and resident of North Dakota for at least one year, and have the financial ability to make payments. The maximum loan amount is \$5,000. The interest rate is 8% per annum. Time limit can be from six months to 48 months.

Learn more about the Loan Program at <http://www.nd.gov/veterans/benefits/loan.html>

Education Benefits

Tuition Waiver

Any qualifying member of the national guard who enrolls in any state-controlled school, shall, subject to national guard rules promulgated by the adjutant general, receive a waiver of the tuition charged by the school.

The tuition waiver is valid only so long as the member of the national guard maintains satisfactory performance with the guard, meets the qualification requirements of rules promulgated by the adjutant general, and pursues a course of study in a manner which satisfies the normal requirements of the school. Free Tuition to qualified Dependents in North Dakota Institution of Higher Education.

Any dependent of a resident veteran who was killed in action or died from wounds or other service-connected causes, was totally disabled as a result of service-connected causes, died from service-connected disabilities, was a prisoner of war, or was declared missing in action, upon being duly accepted for enrollment into any North Dakota state-supported institution of higher education or state-supported technical or vocational school, must be allowed to obtain a bachelor's degree or certificate of completion, for so long as the dependent is eligible, free of any tuition and fee charges.... provided that the bachelor's degree or certificate of completion is earned within a forty-five month or ten semester period or its

equivalent; and further that tuition and fee charges shall not include costs for aviation flight charges or expenses.

Learn more about the Tuition Waiver <http://www.nd.gov/veterans/benefits/waiver.html>

Other State Veteran Benefits

License Plates

Prisoner of War



To be eligible the Veteran's Affairs Office must certify the applicant was a Prisoner of War. [SFN 2872 Application for Certificate of Title](#) form must be completed, signed, and returned with the certification letter and annual \$5.00 license fee. Qualified veterans are eligible for one (excise tax) exempt vehicle licensed with a POW license plate at a time. Plates may not be displayed on a vehicle with a gross weight equal to or exceeding 10,000 lbs. Upon the death of a former prisoner of war, the surviving spouse may elect to retain the POW plates for their own use until such time as they remarry. However, the surviving spouse is not entitled to the special registration rate for former prisoners of war. The surviving spouse must contact the Motor Vehicle Division to determine the correct registration fees due. Within 30 days of remarriage the surviving spouse must surrender the plates to the Motor Vehicle Division. If requested, a free commemorative plaque will be issued by the division as a keepsake for the family.

Veterans



Individuals eligible for interment in the North Dakota Veterans' Cemetery qualify for these plates. The [SFN 51628 Application for ND Veterans Number Plate](#) form must be completed, signed and returned with appropriate fees. To qualify for a Purple Heart plate the application must also be signed by the County Veterans' Service Officer verifying eligibility. There is an initial fee of \$15.00(\$5 goes to Veterans Cemetery maintenance fund) to receive the Veterans' Number plates, with an annual fee

thereafter of \$10.00 (\$5.00 goes to Veterans Cemetery trust fund and \$5 to Veterans Cemetery maintenance fund). Personalized Veterans' Number plates are an annual fee of \$25.00 in addition to the annual fee of \$10.00 and the yearly license fees.

N.D. Veterans' Cemetery

Distinctive numbered plates may be issued to individuals eligible for interment in the North Dakota Veterans' Cemetery. The surcharge collected will be divided between the Veterans' Cemetery Trust Fund and the Veterans' Cemetery Maintenance Fund.

National Guard



Distinctive numbered plates may be issued to members of the National Guard. The Adjutant General shall certify those members of the national guard eligible to receive the plates. You must be a member of the National Guard or retired after 20 years or more of service to be eligible for these plates. A registrant must contact the Adjutant General's office to be assigned a National Guard license plate number. They will issue a form listing the plate number assigned and the individual eligible. [SFN 2872 Application for Certificate of Title](#) form must be completed, signed and returned with the form from the National Guard and the one-time \$5.00 fee. Personalized plates are available with a maximum of four (4) characters (to include spaces) the fees due would be the one time \$5.00 plus the annual personalized plate fee of \$25.00. [Check availability of personalized plate](#) Upon termination of the registrant's eligibility, the registrant shall return the distinctive number plates to the Motor Vehicle Division, who shall issue a replacement plate for a fee of \$5.00.

Purple Heart



Available to those recipients of the Purple Heart award as listed on the DD214 or Certificate. The [SFN 51628 Application for ND Veterans Number Plate](#) form must be completed, signed and returned with appropriate fees. To qualify for a Purple Heart plate the application must also be signed by the County Veterans' Service Officer verifying eligibility. There is an initial fee of \$15.00 (\$5 goes to Veterans Cemetery maintenance fund) to receive the Veterans' Number plates, with an annual fee thereafter of \$10.00 (\$5.00 goes to Veterans Cemetery trust fund and \$5 to Veterans Cemetery maintenance fund). Personalized Veterans' Number plates are an annual fee of \$25.00 in addition to the annual fee of \$10.00 and the yearly license fees.

Gold Star



The director (DOT) may issue distinctive number plates to a surviving spouse, parent, including stepmother, stepfather, parent through adoption, and foster parent who stands or stood in loco parentis, grandparents, child, including stepchild and child through adoption, and sibling, including half-brother and half-sister, of a member of the armed forces of the United States who died while serving on active duty during a time of military conflict. Payment of an initial fee of fifteen dollars, of which ten dollars is to be deposited in the highway tax distribution fund and five dollars is to be deposited in the veterans' cemetery maintenance fund. One set of plates may be issued to an eligible family member.

Yellow Ribbon



The Yellow Ribbon “Support our Veterans Plates” Available to the general public through the North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs. You do NOT need to be a Veteran to apply for these plates. The fee for the plates is \$25. Of which \$15 will be donated to the North Dakota Veterans Emergency Needs Charitable Fund. See below “Purpose of the fund” to learn more. You will be assessed \$25 when you renew your plates. Your plate renewal date will not change from the date you currently have. You can personalize the plates for an additional \$25 (optional-as with any plate) with up to 5 characters. You will receive a new “expiration date” sticker with your new plates, which will be adjusted to your current plate expiration. Not available for motor cycle plates at this time. Must be a passenger vehicle not exceeding twenty thousand pounds.

Learn more about License Plates at <http://www.nd.gov/veterans/benefits/plates.html>

Transportation

The veterans transportation system is designed to aid veterans in transportation to a Veterans Hospital. Currently, there are 5 vans on scheduled routes bringing veterans to Fargo, North Dakota or Miles City, Montana. The cost of this program is underwritten in part by the Post War Trust Fund.

Learn more about Transportation at <http://www.nd.gov/veterans/benefits/transport.html>

Visit the North Carolina Department of Veterans Affairs website

<http://www.doa.state.nc.us/vets/default.aspx> for contact information and benefits assistance

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