

Veterans

Qualified veterans are eligible for a free driver's license that remains valid for eight (8) years. Recent legislative changes (HB1055) mandate that all first-time issuances and renewal issuances of Georgia driver's licenses, permits, and IDs be issued for a term of either five (5) or eight (8) years. The license or permit of any veteran who currently hold a valid license or ID which expires at age 65 will remain valid. Once veterans reach age 65, they must renew their driver's licenses (at no cost) every five (5) years. Successful completion of the vision test is required at each renewal after age 65.

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

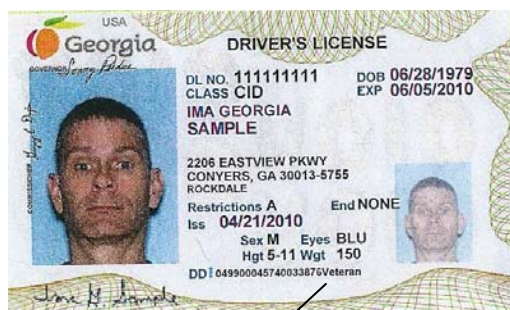
The original **Certificate of Eligibility (DS516)** can only be obtained from the **Department of Veteran Services** upon presentation of separation papers (DD214) declaring the following:

- 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.



Veteran is printed on the face of the license

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 **State Department of Veteran Services** 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.

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

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| 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 residents with a current driving record on file can save time and money by completing many transactions online:

- Change your address
- 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*
- Renew a driver's license or ID card
- Pay some reinstatement fees
- Check the status of a license (valid or invalid; points)

Veteran's and National Guard Driver's Licenses



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