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# Disabled Veterans Parking Benefit Requirements

## Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport

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### Overview

Louisiana R.S. 29:27.1 provides disabled veterans free parking at air carrier airports. The plan by which the veteran parking benefit will be provided at MSY is described below.

### Proof of Disability

Proof of a service connected disability can be provided through three means:

(1) A completed Veterans Airport Parking Benefit Certification (form LDVA F33) certified by the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs confirming a disability rating of 50% or higher. A Louisiana license plate IS NOT required if the driver provides a form LDVA F33 certified by the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs.

### OR

(2) A disabled veteran identification card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. **Because this ID does not state the percentage of disability, the Veteran must show proof of 50% or greater disability via the US Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) mobile app to be eligible for the parking benefit under R.S. 29:27.1.** Hard copy print out from the VA web site will not be accepted to demonstrate proof of disability.

### OR

(3) A Louisiana license plate under La. Rev. Stat. §47:490.4 and 490.31 (see samples of each shown below). Service-connected disability license plates issued by **other** states **do not** qualify as proof of a service-connected disability.

- La. Rev. Stat. §47:490.4 - Service-connected disability rating of fifty percent (50%) or more and resident of Louisiana. <http://legis.la.gov/Legis/law.aspx?d=321788>



- La. Rev. Stat. §47:490.31 - Service-connected disability rating of one hundred percent (100%) and resident of Louisiana. <http://legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=1017799>



### **Documentation Required by MSY to Receive Parking Benefit**

The parking operator will review the below documents at time of exit from the parking facility.

#### **A. Person with a certified LDVA Form 33 and *without* a Louisiana Service-Related Disability License Plate**

1. Completed MSY Veteran Parking Benefit Request.
2. Completed Veterans Airport Parking Benefit Certification (Form LDVA F33), confirming a disability rating of 50% or higher. Form LDVA F33 must be certified by the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs.
3. Photo identification of the person named on Form LDVA F33.
4. Proof of travel. \*

#### **B. Person with a US Department of Veteran Affairs Identification Card and *without* a Louisiana Service-Related Disability License Plate**

1. Completed MSY Veteran Parking Benefit Request.
2. Current, valid US Department of Veterans Affairs identification card.
3. Show proof of 50% or greater disability via the US Department of Veterans Affairs mobile app. Mobile app available for download at <https://mobile.va.gov/app/va-health-and-benefits>
4. Proof of travel. \*

#### **C. Vehicles with Approved Louisiana Service-Related Disability License Plate**

1. Completed MSY Veteran Parking Benefit Request.
2. Current valid US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) identification card **OR** driver's license and vehicle registration proving that the party receiving the benefit is the owner of the vehicle.
3. Proof of travel.\*

\* Proof of travel may be an airline ticket or flight itinerary showing travel dates of the disabled veteran that coincide with parking dates. Parking will not be validated without proof of travel.

## **Availability**

This benefit is only available if a physical ticket is issued to gain entry when parking in the Short Term Garage, Long Term Garage, Surface Lot or Economy Garage. This benefit **DOES NOT** apply to pre-paid parking using the parking reservation system or to the valet parking service.

## **Process**

The parking operator will review the documentation provided by the disabled veteran. The MSY Veteran Parking Benefit Request will be retained by the parking attendant for airport/parking operator records. Proof of travel and Form LDVA F33 will be returned to the passenger.

All documents and procedures are available on the Airport's web site. The onus will be on the veteran to ensure that all required documents are available for review prior to exiting the airport's parking facilities following travel.

Refunds will not be provided for parking revenue collected due to improper documentation, parking reserved using the parking reservation system, or valet parking service.

This procedure may be amended from time to time.