STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY
TITLE AND REGISTRATION DIVISION
44 VANTAGE WAY, SUITE 160
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37243-8050

APPLICATION FOR DISABLED PERSON LICENSE PLATE AND /OR PLACARD

Application must be completed in the name of the applicant. Please complete all information and sign.

Please check the item requested:

_____Permanent Disability Placard $21.50
_____Temporary Disability Placard $10.00
_____Renewal Temporary Disability Placard $10.00
_____Renewal Permanent Disability Placard $3.00
_____Replacement Placard $2.00
_____*Disabled/Person License Plate

FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME LAST NAME

STREET ADDRESS

CITY OR TOWN COUNTY STATE ZIP CODE

DATE OF BIRTH MONTH DAY YEAR

(*The county clerk will collect the necessary fees for the assignment of the disabled person license plate. Exchange plate must be surrendered to county clerk before credit can be given.)

Tennessee Codes Annotated (T.C.A.) 55-21-103(f)(1) states: "Any person issued a permanent or temporary placard must submit a new certification pursuant to T.C.A. 55-21-102(1)(A) or (C), prior to the department renewing such permanent or temporary placard." (Please read reverse side.)

If application is for placard only, it is unnecessary to complete this portion of the application pertaining to identification to the vehicle.

Description of vehicle to which plates will be affixed

YEAR MAKE OF VEHICLE TITLE NUMBER

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VIN)

I, the undersigned applicant, hereby certify, under the penalties prescribed in chapter 55-21-108, Tennessee Code Annotated, that the statements made herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Applicant's Signature_____Date_____

The following section must be completed by a medical doctor licensed to practice medicine or a Christian Science practitioner listed in the Christian Science Journal

Mechanical device used: Crutches_____Braces_____Other (List)_____
Is applicant PERMANENTLY confined to a wheelchair? Yes_____No_____
The nature of the disability is_____
Is disability permanent _____ or temporary _____?
Physician's or Christian Science Practitioner's Name_____Address_____
City_____State_____Zip Code_____Telephone No._____
I hereby certify that the applicant named in this application has appeared before me and that, in my opinion, he or she meets the requirements of T.C.A. 55-21-102(1)(A), (B), and (C).

Physician's or Christian Science Practitioner's Signature_____Date_____

TITLE AND REGISTRATION DIVISION/COUNTY CLERK USE ONLY

Approved By Date Approved Placard Number Assigned Expiration Date

REFERENCE MATERIAL FOR DISABLED PERSON LICENSE PLATE/PLACARD
T.C.A. 55-21-101 THROUGH 55-21-108

(1) T.C.A. 55-21-102(1)(A) "Disabled driver" is one who is disabled by paraplegia, amputation of leg, foot or both hands, or other condition, certified by a physician duly licensed to practice medicine, resulting in an equal degree of disability (specifying the particular condition) so as not to be able to get about without great difficulty, including impairments that, regardless of cause or manifestation, confine such person to a wheelchair or cause such person to be so ambulatory disabled that he or she cannot walk two hundred feet (200') without stopping to rest and includes, but is not limited to, those persons using braces or crutches, arthritics, spastics and those with pulmonary or cardiac ills who may be semi-ambulatory;"

(2) T.C.A. 55-21-102(1)(B) "Disabled driver" also includes the owner of a motor vehicle with vision of not more than 20/200 with correcting glasses.

(3) T.C.A. 55-21-102(1)(C) "Disabled driver" also includes the owner of a motor vehicle who is so ambulatory disabled that he or she cannot walk two hundred feet (200') without stopping to rest and who is seeking treatment and/or healing solely by prayer through spiritual means in the practice of religion in accordance with the creeds or tenets of the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Massachusetts. Such condition shall be certified by a Christian Science practitioner listed in The Christian Science Journal as resulting in a degree of disability so that such person is not able to get about without great difficulty;"

(4) A disabled passenger is a person who meets the above requirements for a disabled driver.

(5) The County Clerks shall, upon application accompanied by a physician's statement, provide and issue registration and license plates of distinctive design to disabled drivers. No physician shall provide a statement unless the applicant is disabled by one (1) of the above conditions and the nature of the disability shall be set forth in the statement.

(6) One (1) registration and license plate shall be provided free to those disabled persons that are permanently and totally confined to a wheelchair, when so certified by a physician's statement.

(7) Any person who qualifies for a disabled person license plate will be the titled owner or lessee of the vehicle.

(8) Permanent and temporary disability placards shall be issued directly by the Department of Safety and participating county clerks. Permanent disability placards may be issued to persons who are permanently disabled and whose permanent disability is noted on the physician's statement. The cost of a permanent disability placard shall be the same as the regular fee for passenger motor vehicles. T.C.A. 55-21-103(f)(1) states: "Any person issued a permanent or temporary placard must submit a new certification pursuant to T.C.A. 55-21-102(1)(A) or (C), prior to the department renewing such permanent or temporary placard." Permanent disability placards shall expire two (2) years from the date issued. Temporary disability placards may be issued to persons who are temporarily disabled by a non-ambulatory or semi-ambulatory condition due to surgery, bone fracture or breakage, or similar condition, and whose temporary disabling condition and the estimated duration of such condition is noted on the physician's statement. Temporary disability placards shall be issued for the estimated duration of the condition, but not in excess of six (6) months at a cost of ten dollars ($10.00) and may be renewed one (1) time for the same fee. ***Note:*** *Title and Registration Division policy allows the use of a "prescription pad" statement to be used as evidence to determine eligibility for renewing of a placard by attaching a statement prepared by the physician on their *prescription pad stating that the individual suffers from a* ***"permanent mobility disability"*** *and disclosing per 55-21-103(a) that the applicant is* ***"permanently disabled or permanently disabled and totally confined to a wheelchair"*** *since these factors are used to determine the type of eligibility, and cost, if any of the placard. The prescription must be signed by the physician and can be attached to renewal form SF-1273 in lieu of completing the physician's portion (lower section) of the renewal application. The date contained on the prescription is not dependant on any other factor and shall be considered evidence of permanent eligibility. The use of a "prescription pad" statement can also be used as evidence to determine eligibility for a temporary disability placard if it is attached to form SF-0953 and describes the mobility disabilities as "****(non-ambulatory, semi-ambulatory)****" and contains an estimated duration time of less than six (6) months. Renewal of the temporary disability placard would, however, require an updated prescription.*

(9) When the recipient of a disabled placard dies, the responsible representative of the deceased shall return the placard(s) to the commissioner.

(10) No state agency, county, city, town or other municipality or any agency thereof shall exact any fee for parking on any street or highway or in any metered parking space or in parking lots municipally owned or leased.

(11) Any person, except a person who meets the requirements for the issuance of a distinguishing placard or license plate or a disabled veteran's license plate who parks in any parking space designated with the wheelchair disabled sign is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of one hundred dollars ($100.00).

(12) T.C.A. 55-21-108 (e) states: "Any person who is not a disabled driver as prescribed in T.C.A. 55-21-102, and who willfully and falsely represents himself as meeting the requirements to obtain either a permanent or temporary placard commits a Class A misdemeanor, punishable only by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars ($1,000)."

NOTE: An affidavit must accompany this application when replacing a lost or stolen placard. If the placard is mutilated, the remaining portion of the placard must also accompany the application.