

## South Carolina Replacement License Plate

### What Is a License Plate Replacement in South Carolina?

A license plate replacement in South Carolina involves obtaining a new plate to replace a lost, stolen, or damaged one. The [South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles](#) (SCDMV) manages this service, which is essential for maintaining valid and legally recognized vehicle identification.

### When Do You Need To Replace Your South Carolina License Plate?

License plates must be replaced in South Carolina if lost, stolen, damaged, or illegible. It is crucial to ensure your license plate is in good condition and readable to comply with state regulations and avoid penalties.

### How To Get a Replacement License Plate in South Carolina

To get a replacement license plate in South Carolina, follow these steps:

- Visit the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV) website or your local branch office.
- Complete the [Application for Replacement License Plate/Decal](#) (Form SCDMV 452).
- If your plate was stolen, you must provide a copy of the police report.
- If your plate is damaged, you must surrender the damaged plate to the SCDMV.
- Pay the required replacement fee.

### Where To Replace a License Plate in South Carolina?

You can replace your license plate in South Carolina at any of the following locations:

- SCDMV Branch Offices: Visit any SCDMV branch offices throughout the state. [The SCDMV's website](#) has an office locator that you can use to find the nearest branch office.
- Online: If you prefer to replace your license plate online, visit the SCDMV's website and follow the necessary steps. You must provide the required information and pay the replacement fee using a credit or debit card.
- By Mail: If you cannot visit an SCDMV branch office or replace your plate online, you can mail your completed Application for Replacement License Plate/Decal (Form SCDMV 452), along with the required documents and payment, to the following

address: South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles P.O. Box 1498 Blythewood,  
SC 29016-0019

Remember to include a copy of the police report if your plate was stolen or surrender the damaged plate if you're replacing a damaged one.

### Can You Replace a South Carolina License Plate Online?

Yes, you can replace your South Carolina license plate online. Here's how:

- Visit the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV) website.
- Click the "Vehicle Services" tab and select "License Plates."
- Choose "[Replace Plate](#)" from the options provided.
- Enter your license plate number and the last five digits of your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).
- Follow the prompts to complete the Application for Replacement License Plate/Decal (Form SCDMV 452) online.
- Pay the required replacement fee using a credit or debit card.

Note: If your plate was stolen, you must provide a copy of the police report to the SCDMV. If you're replacing a damaged plate, you must surrender the damaged plate to the SCDMV. In these cases, you may need to visit an SCDMV branch office in person or mail your application, required documents, and payment to the SCDMV.

### What Do You Need To Replace Your License Plate in South Carolina?

To replace your license plate in South Carolina, you'll need the following:

- A completed Application for Replacement License Plate/Decal (Form SCDMV 452). You can obtain this form at an SCDMV branch office or download it from their website.
- Your current vehicle registration card.
- A copy of the police report if your license plate was stolen.
- The damaged plate, if you're replacing a damaged plate. You must surrender the damaged plate to the SCDMV.
- Payment for the replacement fee.

If you're replacing your plate online, you must provide your license plate number and the last five digits of your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).

### Do You Need Insurance To Replace Plates in South Carolina?

To replace a lost, stolen, or damaged license plate in South Carolina, you do not specifically need to provide proof of insurance at the time of the replacement request. However, your vehicle registration, which is required for the replacement process, must be current and in good standing with the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV). Since maintaining a valid registration generally requires [having valid auto insurance](#), indirectly, proof of insurance is necessary but not directly needed for the plate replacement itself.

### How Much Is License Plate Replacement in South Carolina?

The fee for replacing a license plate in South Carolina varies depending on the type of plate and the reason for replacement. Generally, the [cost ranges from \\$6 for a standard plate](#) to higher fees for specialized or personalized plates. Check the [SCDMV Fee](#) for specific pricing.

### How Long Does It Take To Get Replacement License Plates in South Carolina?

The time it takes to receive replacement license plates in South Carolina can vary. Generally, it takes about 7-10 business days for the new plates to arrive by mail once the application is processed. Expedited options may be available for an additional fee.



#### Southern Wesleyan University

Southern Wesleyan University license plates are \$70 every two years in addition to the registration fee. A portion of the special plate fee, \$40, goes to the school for scholarships. You may use the Application for Special Plate (SCDMV Form MV-95) to apply for this plate. This plate can be purchased for cars or light trucks with an empty weight of 9,000 pounds or less and a gross vehicle weight of 11,000 pounds or less.

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