

## Newsletter #12 Expanded Veteran Licence Plate Eligibility Announced

Dear Comrades,

The Royal Canadian Legion Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario Command is pleased to share an important update recently announced by Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) and the Government of Manitoba. As of **November 5, 2025**, the Province has expanded eligibility for the Veteran Licence Plate program through an amendment to the Vehicle Registration Regulation.

This regulatory change removes the previous requirement of three years of honourable service in the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). Eligibility will now align with the national definition of “Veteran,” and MBNWO Command has been entrusted with managing all eligibility decisions going forward.

Under the expanded criteria, the following individuals are now eligible for a Veteran Licence Plate:

- Current or former CAF members
- RCMP members
- Peace officers who served in special duty areas
- Individuals with wartime service in the Merchant Navy or Ferry Command
- Anyone who completed CAF basic training and was honourably discharged

MPI President & CEO Satvir Jatana noted that expanding eligibility “speaks to the true intent of the plate,” while the Honourable Matt Wiebe, Minister of Justice, emphasized that assigning eligibility administration to the Legion ensures decisions are made by those with deep understanding of Veterans and their service.

Command Provincial Executive Director Cohen Rutledge added:

“This update reflects a modern understanding of military service and sacrifice. By honouring Veterans through this program, we strengthen our collective commitment to acknowledging their dedication and sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy today.”

The update application form can be found on our website (<https://mbnwo.legion.ca/for-veterans/>).