

COMMUNICATION DISABILITY LAW

An individual with a medically diagnosed communication disability, who drives or regularly has someone with a communication disability in their vehicle, can voluntarily enroll in a data base that connects to the Law Enforcement Agencies Data System (LEADS). An officer can then be made aware that the driver or a person in the vehicle may have difficulty communicating with the officer to reduce any potential misunderstanding or communicating problem.

Individuals who are interested in self-identifying can complete a Verification Form and take the completed Verification Form to their licensed medical practitioner who can validate the individual has a communication disability.

Completed Verification Forms can be mailed to:

Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles/Vehicle Information Service

P.O. Box 16521

Columbus, Ohio 43216-6521

Forms can also be e-mailed to VIS-Administration@dps.ohio.gov or hand delivered to any Deputy Registrar (DMV)

For more information, visit Frequently Asked Questions or call 614-438-1203 or 1-800-282-4536 extension 1203

COMMUNICATION DISABILITY VERIFICATION FORM

In accordance with section 3304.23 of the Ohio Revised Code (R.C.), this form may be completed and submitted to add or remove persons/license plate numbers from the database of those who have been diagnosed with a communication disability or a disability that can impair communication.

R.C. 3304.23 defines a *communication disability* as a human condition involving an impairment in the human's ability to receive, send, process, or comprehend concepts or verbal, nonverbal, or graphic symbol systems that may result in a primary disability or may be secondary to other disabilities.

R.C. 3304.23 defines a *disability that can impair communication* as a human condition with symptoms that can impair the human's ability to receive, send, process, or comprehend concepts or verbal, nonverbal, or graphic symbol systems.

R.C. 5502.08 specifies that information in the communication disability database is not a public record.

INSTRUCTIONS:

COMPLETED BY: The individual with a communication disability or disability that can impair communication, or parent or guardian, must complete and sign Sections A and B of the document. **Section C must be completed and signed by a physician, psychiatrist, or psychologist.**

- Any person diagnosed with a communication disability or a disability that can impair communication who is eighteen years of age or older
- Any parent or guardian of a minor child or a ward diagnosed with a communication disability or a disability that can impair communication

TO REQUEST REMOVAL: Complete and sign Sections A and B only.

PAYMENT: THIS SERVICE IS OFFERED AT NO COST.

RETURN PROMPTLY: Completed forms may be mailed to the **Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Attention: Remittance/DPU, P.O. Box 16521, Columbus, Ohio 43216-6521**, scan and email to VIS-Administration@dps.ohio.gov or deliver to any Deputy Registrar/Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicle office. For additional information, call: **Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (614) 438-1203** or go to www.ood.ohio.gov/Information/Communication-Disability-Law-FAQ. Please allow 15 business days for processing.

Attention: Incomplete, illegible, or unsigned forms cannot be processed

SECTION A To be completed by person with disability (if able and age 18 or over) or by the parent or guardian of person with disability. Please type or print legibly all requested information.

NAME OF PERSON WITH DISABILITY (REQUIRED)		DL / ID OF PERSON WITH DISABILITY (REQUIRED IF APPLICABLE)	
STREET ADDRESS		CITY	
STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTY	TELEPHONE NUMBER
PERSON COMPLETING APPLICATION (REQUIRED IF APPLICABLE)		RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT (REQUIRED IF APPLICABLE)	
EMAIL ADDRESS FOR CONFIRMATION (OPTIONAL)			

The information above is true and accurate to the best of my understanding.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT OR PERSON COMPLETING APPLICATION (REQUIRED)	DATE SIGNED
X	

SECTION B To be completed by person with disability (if able and age 18 or over) or by the parent or guardian of person with disability. Please type or print legibly all requested information.

R.C. 3304.23 allows an applicant to list the license plate number of each vehicle owned, operated, or regularly occupied by the person diagnosed with a communication disability or a disability that can impair communication.

I would like to (Please choose one):

- be included in the database.
- be removed from the database.

License Plate Number(s) (complete as many as necessary):

1.	2.	3.
4.	5.	6.
7.	8.	9.

SECTION C To be completed by physician, psychiatrist, or psychologist. Please type or print legibly all requested information. All information below is required for inclusion in the database.

NAME OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDER		MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER	ISSUING STATE
BUSINESS ADDRESS		TITLE	
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER

I certify that the above named person has been diagnosed with a communication disability or a disability that can impair communication as defined above by R.C. section 3304.23.

SIGNATURE OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDER (REQUIRED)	DATE SIGNED (REQUIRED)
X	

Warning: Knowingly making a false statement on this form constitutes falsification, a first degree misdemeanor punishable by criminal fines and imprisonment, and also may result in civil liability (R.C. 2921.13).