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What's New?

DPS-DVS Offices Close Statewide until May 4 Due to COVID-19; Some Deputy Registrars Offer Limited Vehicle Services

All DVS exam stations and driver's license agent offices are closed until May 4 to follow Governor Tim Walz's executive order for Minnesotans to stay home and slow the spread of COVID-19.

[New federal guidelines](#) allow deputy registrar offices to provide limited motor vehicle services if they choose. No face-to-face transactions or driver services are available. Find a list of open locations on the [DVS locations page](#), and call your local office before you visit to see what services they are offering.

Minnesotans will not be able to renew their driver's licenses or ID cards, during this time. Gov. Walz signed a bill into law March 28 that provides an extension for Minnesotans whose driver's licenses or ID cards expire during the peacetime emergency. The expiration dates are now extended for two months after the month the peacetime emergency ends.

Minnesotans can renew their vehicle registration online or by mail or at some deputy registrar offices during the peacetime emergency, so there are no extensions for expired or expiring vehicle registrations.

Anyone who has a road test appointment scheduled during this time will receive a cancellation notice by email or text message. Once normal operations resume, DPS-DVS will call, email or text those affected to offer the first available day and time for their road test.

[Read more in a recent news release.](#)

DPS-DVS Answers COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions

DPS-DVS is addressing driver and vehicle services-related challenges Minnesotans are facing due to COVID-19. [Visit the COVID-19 FAQ page for answers.](#)

Federal REAL ID Enforcement Deadline Extended to Oct. 1, 2021

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is extending the REAL ID full enforcement deadline to Oct. 1, 2021.

The deadline was originally set for Oct. 1, 2020, but is being delayed by one year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The federal, state and local response to the spread of Coronavirus here in the United States necessitates a delay in this deadline," Acting DHS Secretary Chad Wolf said in a statement. "Our state and local partners are working tirelessly with the Administration to flatten the curve and, therefore, we want to remove any impediments to response and recovery efforts."

Many DVS exam stations, deputy registrars and driver's license agent offices have closed or limited services due to COVID-19 concerns.

REAL ID Questions? Follow Driver and Vehicle Services on Facebook and Twitter

If you have questions about REAL ID, tab renewal or a number of other Driver and Vehicle Services topics follow DVS on Facebook and Twitter. DVS shares answer to common questions and other important pieces of information on a regular basis.

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Stay informed and share with your friends and followers.

How to Request an Audit on Access of your Driver's License Information

Complete and submit the [Audit Request Form](#) to Driver and Vehicle Services, Data Services. [Read more](#) on requesting an audit of your driver's license or motor vehicle information.

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DMV.org is a for-profit website that is privately owned and not affiliated with Minnesota Driver and Vehicle Services or any other government agency. DVS does not provide any data to DMV.org. Third-party websites are allowed to renew registration for other people if the registration holder gives permission and provides a plate number, VIN number and insurance information. Many of these websites charge a fee, in addition to the registration renewal fee, for the service.

DVS offers online registration renewal for standard passenger class vehicles. [Information about that and other online services is available here.](#)

Proof of Citizenship for CDL Renewals

As of July 1, 2015, all drivers renewing their CDL will be required to provide a document from the following list that meets the proof of citizenship requirement.

- Valid, unexpired U.S. passport or passport card
- Certified copy of birth certificate from any U.S. state
- Consular report of birth abroad issued by the U.S. Department of State
- Certificate of Naturalization or Certificate of Citizenship issued by U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Valid unexpired Permanent Resident Card
- Or
- Unexpired employment authorization document issued by USCIS or an unexpired foreign passport accompanied by an approved I-94 form.

If the name on the above document is different from the current name on the CDL, the customer must also present proof of the legal name change(s). Acceptable proof consists of certified marriage certificates, certified divorce decrees or other certified court orders. Divorce decrees or other court orders must specify the name change. Identity and name change documents need to show a clear link between the citizenship or permanent residency document and the current name.

This federally mandated requirement for DVS to record this information to the record is a one-time occurrence.

Advisory

The website “MinnesotaDriversLicense.org” is a private business organization and is in no way affiliated with the Driver and Vehicle Services Division of the Department of Public Safety. You are not able to renew your driver's license or register your vehicle on this website! The website charges a fee to purchase a guide, not a license.

To renew your license, register your vehicle, and other service, you must visit an official DVS agent or deputy registrar’s office. Do not pay money for license renewals, tabs or other services to any unauthorized organization.

For official information from the state’s Driver and Vehicle Services Division, visit the [homepage](#).

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