

RMV Implements Further Credential Extensions

Many Expiring Licenses, Registrations, and Other Credentials Further Extended

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) has implemented further extensions to the renewal timelines for expiring motor vehicle inspection stickers, passenger plate registrations, professional credentials, and driver's licenses and learner's permits, including Commercial Driver's Licenses and Commercial Permits (CDLs / CLPs).

While the RMV previously announced extensions for most credentials, passenger plate registrations, and inspection stickers expired or expiring in **March**, **April**, **and May**, an additional extension has been applied to those credentials, and an extension has been added to some credentials expiring in **June**, **July**, **and August**.

These extensions replicate the ongoing measures the RMV has taken to reduce the need for customers to physically visit an RMV Service Center or one of its business partners' facilities, allowing for "social-distancing" by decreasing non-essential travel and customer volume. Additional longer-term extensions will also allow the RMV to ensure "social-distancing" guidelines are met as demand for in-person service and renewals resumes during the Commonwealth's reopening phases.

The following new changes to expiration extensions are now effective:

 Driver's licenses and ID cards, including Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDLs), that expired or will expire in March, April, and May 2020, will now expire in September 2020 and do not need to be renewed at this time.

- Driver's licenses and ID cards that will expire in June have been extended until October 2020; those that will expire in July have been extended until November 2020; and those that will expire in August have been extended until December 2020 and do not need to be renewed at this time.
 - The specific expiration date typically coincides with an individual's birth date. Customers holding an RMV credential marked "Limited-Term" that has expired or will expire between March 1 and August 31, 2020 should visit <u>Mass.Gov/RMV</u> for more information and to check the validity of their credential.
- The RMV also recently introduced an <u>online renewal option</u> for CDL holders if they are self-certified in the Non-Excepted Interstate (NI) category for medical certification.
- Learner's permits, including Commercial Learner's Permits (CLPs), that expired or will expire in March, April, and May 2020, will now expire in December 2020. Learner's permits that will expire in June, July, and August will also be extended until December 2020. This extension will allow additional time for permit students and driving schools to complete in-car instruction and a road test when those functions are authorized to restart safely.
 - Road tests for CDLs are still being conducted during the state of emergency. Massachusetts State Police manage CDL road tests, and require anyone taking a CDL road test to bring and wear a face covering for the entirety of the road test.
- In accordance with updated guidance from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), all CDL Medical Certificates expiring between March 1 and May 31, 2020, have previously been extended until June 30, 2020 and no additional extension will be applied. However, all CDL Medical Certificates expiring between June 1 and August 31 have been extended until September 30, 2020 and do not need to be renewed at this time. Extensions to CDL Medical Certificates are intended to prevent license downgrades and elective medical visits, as well as alleviate demand on medical providers, during the State of Emergency.
- The annual motor vehicle safety and emissions inspection stickers that have expired or will expire in March, April, and May 2020 have been extended until July 31, 2020. No additional extensions will be applied and inspection stations are open at their discretion within the public health guidelines to perform this work.
- All passenger plate registrations that have expired or will expire in March, April, and May 2020 have been extended until July 31, 2020. The RMV has also

applied a 30-day extension to registrations that expire in June, which will now expire on July 31, 2020. Registration renewals can continue to be performed online at <u>Mass.Gov/RMV</u> during this time.

- All school bus, school pupil (7D), and bus registrations that will expire in June have been extended 30 days until July 2020.
- Professional credentials for School Bus Certificates, School Pupil Transport Licenses (7D), Inspector Licenses, Inspection Station Licenses, Driving Instructor Licenses and Driving School Licenses that have expired or will expire in March, April, and May have previously been extended until 90 days after the state of emergency is lifted. The RMV has added June expirations to the previous extension and professional credentials that expire in June have 90 days after the state of emergency is lifted to renew.

Credential	Current Expiration Date (on credential)	New Expiration Date
Driver's Licenses and ID Cards		
Class D, M, and DM Licenses & Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDLs) Mass ID Cards Learner's Permits	March 2020 April 2020 May 2020 June 2020 July 2020 August 2020	September 2020 September 2020 September 2020 October 2020 November 2020 December 2020
Class D, M, and DM Permits & Commercial Learner's Permits (CLPs)	March 2020 April 2020 May 2020 June 2020 July 2020 August 2020	December 2020 December 2020 December 2020 December 2020 December 2020 December 2020

Below is a summary of newly announced extensions.

CDL Medical Certificates			
CDL Medical Certificates	March 2020 April 2020 May 2020 June 2020 July 2020 August 2020	June 30, 2020 June 30, 2020 June 30, 2020 September 30, 2020 September 30, 2020 September 30, 2020	
Registrations			
Passenger Plate Registrations	March 2020 April 2020 May 2020 June 2020	July 31, 2020 July 31, 2020 July 31, 2020 July 31, 2020 July 31, 2020	
School Bus, School Pupil, and Bus Registrations	June 2020	July 31, 2020	
Inspection Stickers			
Commercial and Non-Commercial Inspection Stickers	March 2020 April 2020 May 2020	July 31, 2020 July 31, 2020 July 31, 2020	
All Motorcycle Inspection Stickers	May 2020	June 30, 2020	
Professional Credentials			
School Bus Certificates School Pupil Transport Licenses (7D) Inspector Licenses Inspection Station Licenses Driving Instructor Licenses Driving School Licenses	March 2020 April 2020 May 2020 June 2020	90 days after State of Emergency is lifted	

Details on all of these extensions and additional information on RMV services and the RMV's response to COVID-19 can be found here.

The RMV <u>Business Partner Website</u> has been updated to include details and recordings from <u>recently held webinars</u> hosted by the RMV to address issues arising as a result of the pandemic.