

**DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC COORDINATOR
TRANSIT SERVICES BUREAU**

NOTICE

October 27, 2020

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TO: All Department Personnel

FROM: Department Traffic Coordinator, Transit Services Bureau

SUBJECT: DMV LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMO-20-14 COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE, COMMERCIAL LEARNER'S PERMIT & MEDICAL CERTIFICATION EXTENSION

The purpose of this Notice is to advise Department personnel that the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has issued another extension of the expiration dates for Commercial Driver License (CDL), Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP), and Medical Certification Extensions. These extensions were necessitated by the State of Emergency caused by the outbreak of respiratory illness due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Consequently, the DMV has authorized the following changes:

- Commercial Driver License & Commercial Learner's Permit: Those licenses and permits that have or will expire between the period of March 2020 through December 2020 have been extended until December 31, 2020. Any CDL with endorsements and special certificates are extended. The DMV will not update the driver license records to reflect these extensions.
- Medical Certification Extension: Valid CDL and CLP holders whose medical certification that have or will expire between the period of March 2020 through December 2020 have been extended until December 31, 2020. The DMV has added a "License Valid Pending Review" status message for those cardholders with an expired medical certificate to the license record of eligible commercial drivers.

The Department will comply with the DMV's request to not issue citations for the above expired licenses, permits, and medical certificates. It should be noted that Californians with a suspended driver license are not eligible for these temporary extensions. At the conclusions of these expiration periods, extensions will be reevaluated.

If you have any questions, please contact Sergeant Sean Karmody, Traffic Coordination Section, Traffic Group, at (213) 486-0690.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION MEMO: 20-14
SUBJECT: COVID-19 Commercial Driver License,
Commercial Learner's Permit, and
Medical Certificate Extension
Memo Date: September 30, 2020

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Purpose To notify California law enforcement agencies of a possible delay for customers renewing an expired or expiring commercial driver license (CDL) or commercial learner's permit (CLP), and/or medical certification on record.

Background On March 4, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency due to an outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

On March 24, 2020, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) granted, until June 30, 2020, a waiver from certain regulations applicable to interstate and intrastate CDL and CLP holders and to other interstate drivers operating commercial motor vehicles (CMVs). On June 15, 2020, FMCSA announced an extension of the waiver effective July 1, 2020, through September 30, 2020. FMCSA initiated this action in response to the President's declaration of a national emergency under 42 U.S.C. § 5191(b) related to COVID-19.

On April 14, 2020, DMV Director Gordon issued Director's Order 2020-03 to extend the expiration date for CDLs and CLPs that would have expired in the months of March 2020 through June 2020, until June 30, 2020. Based on the extension issued by FMCSA, Director's Order 2020-08 was issued, which supersedes Director's Order 2020-03. DMV extended the expiration date of CDLs and CLPs that were set to expire in March 2020 through September 2020, until September 30, 2020.

On April 16, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-52-20, waiving the timeframes set forth in Vehicle Code section 12804.9(c) for current CDL holders whose medical certificates expired on or after March 1, 2020. This waiver applied until June 30, 2020. Executive Order N-71-20 was issued, stating current, valid CDL and CLP holders whose medical certification expire on or after March 1, 2020, have an extension until September 30, 2020, to obtain and submit a new, valid medical certificate in accordance with applicable state and federal requirements. Additionally, the order authorizes DMV to act upon any subsequent extensions issued by FMCSA.

New Information According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, certain populations have been advised to stay home due to the risk of exposure to COVID-19. Some Californians are required to visit a DMV field office in order to renew their CDL and may be unable to do so at this time.

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On September 18, 2020 FMCSA announced an additional extension of the waiver which was set to expire as of September 30, 2020. The extension of the waiver will be effective October 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020. FMCSA indicated the extension was issued because several states continue to experience greater than normal employee absences or have closed offices of their State Driver Licensing Agencies resulting in many CDL and CLP holders being unable to complete the necessary application process.

Pursuant to Director's Order 2020-11 which supersedes Director's Order 2020-08, DMV has extended the expiration date of CDLs and CLPs that have or are set to expire in March 2020 through December 2020, until December 31, 2020. CDL endorsements and special certificates are also extended.

Pursuant to Executive Order N-71-20, current, valid CDL and CLP holders whose medical certification expire on or after March 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020 have an extension until October 31, 2020, and those expiring June 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 have an extension until December 31, 2020, to obtain and submit a new, valid medical certificate in accordance with applicable state and federal requirements.

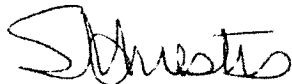
Californians with a suspended driver license are not eligible for the temporary extension.

Note: While DMV has taken action to extend licenses and permits, the department will not update driver license records to reflect this extension. For those with expired medicals during this time period, eligible cardholder licenses and permits remain valid to operate a CMV. A message indicating "LICENSE VALID PENDING REVIEW" status has been added to the record of eligible commercial drivers.

Due to this emergency, California law enforcement personnel are asked to honor the waivers mentioned above, recognize that CDLs and CLPs are extended (with or without a physical paper extension), accept a record with "license valid pending review" as valid, and are encouraged to exercise flexibility and discretion when reviewing DL records. Please disseminate this information to all interested persons and agencies within your jurisdiction.

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