

**DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC COORDINATOR
TRANSIT SERVICES BUREAU**

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August 11, 2020

TO: All Sworn Personnel

FROM: Department Traffic Coordinator, Transit Services Bureau

SUBJECT: DRIVER LICENSE PERMIT AND COMMERCIAL LEARNER'S PERMIT
EXTENSION - UPDATE

The purpose of this Notice is to advise that the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has issued another extension to the expiration date for Driver License Permits, Commercial Learner's Permits and Commercial Driver Licenses. These extensions were necessitated by the State of Emergency caused by the coronavirus. Consequently, the DMV has authorized the following changes:

- **Driver License Permit:** Those permits expiring March 1, 2020 through and including November 30, 2020 have been granted a six-month extension or to a date 24 months from the date of application, whichever is earlier, to complete the requirements specified in Section 12814.6 or 128049(a)(1)(D) of the California Vehicle Code.
- **Commercial Learner's Permit & Commercial Driver License:** Those permits expiring March 1, 2020 through and including September 30, 2020 have been granted a five-month extension. Permits that have expired are required to have a valid medical certificate. Those drivers with valid licenses have been granted an extension to medical certificates until September 30, 2020.
- **Suspended License:** The DMV has not provided extension for community members with suspended licenses.

The Department will comply with the DMV's request to not cite for the aforementioned expired licenses. It should be noted that the DMV will not update driver records or issue physical paper extensions. At the conclusions of these expiration periods, extensions will be reevaluated.

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



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LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION MEMO: 20-13
SUBJECT: COVID-19 Driver License Permit and
Commercial Learner's Permit Extension Update
Memo Date: August 5, 2020

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Purpose To notify California law enforcement agencies of a Driver License Permit (DLP) and Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) extension for customers with an expired or expiring permit.

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

On March 24, 2020, the FMCSA issued a "Waiver in Response to the COVID-19 Emergency – For States, CDL Holders, CLP Holders, and Interstate Drivers Operating Commercial Motor Vehicles," which temporarily waives certain requirements set forth in Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations relating to commercial driver license holders, commercial learner's permit holders and drivers operating commercial vehicles, including requirements pertaining to medical examination and certification. On June 15, 2020, FMCSA announced an extension of this waiver through September 30, 2020.

Pursuant to Director's Order 2020-08, which supersedes Director's Order 2020-03, DMV extended the expiration date of CDLs and CLPs that have or were set to expire in March 2020 through September 2020, until September 30, 2020. CDL endorsements and certificates, except medical certificates, were also extended.

Pursuant to Executive Order N-71-20, current, valid CDL and CLP holders whose medical certification expired on or after March 1, 2020, were given an extension until September 30, 2020, to obtain and submit a new, valid medical certificate in accordance with applicable state and federal requirements.

Pursuant to Director's Order 2020-07, DMV Director Gordon issued an extension Director's Order 2020-04 of DLPs that expired March 1, 2020, through and including August 31, 2020, have a six month extension or to a date 24 months from the date of application, whichever is earlier, to complete the requirements specified in VC 12814.6 or 128049(a)(1)(D).

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 current DLP and CLP permit holders may not have been able to complete all of the requirements needed to obtain a driver license.

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Pursuant to Director's Order 2020-10, DLPs that expired March 1, 2020, through and including November 30, 2020, have a six month extension or to a date 24 months from the date of application, whichever is earlier, to complete the requirements specified in VC 12814.6 or 128049(a)(1)(D).

Pursuant to the July 1, 2020 Law Enforcement Memo 20-11, Commercial Driver License and Commercial Learner's Permit Extension Update, no additional changes have been made.

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

Note: While DMV has taken action to extend permits, the department will not update driver license records to reflect this extension.

Due to this emergency, California law enforcement personnel are asked to honor the waivers mentioned above, recognize that permits are extended (with or without a physical paper extension), 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.

Note: This shall remain in effect through September 30, 2020 for commercial permits and November 30, 2020 for non-commercial permits, and will be reevaluated at that time.

Contact

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LAW ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION MEMO: 20-11
SUBJECT: COVID-19 Commercial Driver License and
Commercial Learner's Permit Extension Update
Memo Date: July 1, 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	<p>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).</p> <p>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). 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 applies until June 30, 2020.</p>
New Information	<p>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.</p> <p>On June 15, 2020, FMCSA announced an extension of the waiver which was set to expire as of June 30, 2020. The extension of the waiver will be effective July 1, 2020, through September 30, 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.</p>

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Pursuant to Executive Order N-17-20, 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.

Californians with a suspended record 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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