NO NEED TO REPLACE IMMEDIATELY

Residents with a valid driver's license/ID card are not required to obtain the redesigned card immediately. Existing cards will remain valid until their date of expiration. For at least four years, there will be more than one valid driver's license/ID card until the old design format is phased out.

There are no changes to driver's license/ID card fees. In addition, there are no procedural changes to the Safe Driver Renewal program.

IMPORTANT: YOUR ADDRESS MATTERS

The Secretary of State's office receives returned mail every day containing important notifications or documents. With the new process of central issuance of a driver's license/ID card, it is critical that customers keep an updated address with the Secretary of State. State law requires that residents notify the Secretary of State of an address change within 10 days. Customers can make address changes online at www.cyberdriveillinois.com. If you change your address online, you must bring one piece of identification to verify your new address at your next facility visit. Prior to visiting a facility, visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com for a list of acceptable and required documents.

If you have not received your permanent card after 15 business days, check the status at: www.cyberdriveillinois.com

THE NEW PROCESS:

STEP 1
When it is time to renew your driver's license or if you are a new driver in Illinois, visit a Secretary of State Driver Services facility.

STEP 2
Take the vision, written and road tests (if necessary).

STEP 3
Take your photo at the facility.

STEP 4
Receive your temporary, secure paper driver's license at the facility and your old driver's license/ID card will be returned to you after a hole has been punched in it.

STEP 5
After fraud checks have been conducted, your new permanent driver's license/ID card will be mailed to you within 15 business days.

For more information visit: www.cyberdriveillinois.com
Or call: 217-782-7044

Central Issuance Driver’s Licenses/ID Cards
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In Spring 2016, the Secretary of State’s office began a new process for issuing Illinois Driver’s licenses/ID cards. Under the new process, called Central Issuance, customers at Secretary of State Driver Services facilities are no longer immediately issued a new permanent driver’s license/ID card at the end of the application process. After fraud checks have been conducted to ensure your identity, a high quality, secure driver’s license/ID card will be printed at a central facility and sent via U.S. mail within 15 business days to your address.

At the facilities, customers will receive a temporary, secure paper driver’s license or ID card, which is valid for 90 days. In addition, the facility employee will return your old driver’s license/ID card back to you.

As part of the new central issuance process, the Secretary of State is introducing a redesigned driver’s license/ID card. The redesigned card contains enhanced security features to safeguard your personal information. This new process and redesign will help prevent counterfeit production and better protect you from identity theft. In addition, with implementation of these changes, Illinois is closer to becoming REAL ID compliant, which is a federal mandate by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

### NEW LICENSE, NEW PROCESS

NEW FEATURES ON THE ILLINOIS DRIVER’S LICENSE

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### IMPORTANT FEATURES:

1. Larger photo with a smaller ghost photo to ensure that the person’s appearance is clear.
2. Security design comprised of many different patterns, lines and images.
3. Laser perforation in the shape of Illinois, which when held up to the light is used to authenticate the driver’s license/ID card quickly.
4. Portrait of Lincoln and the Great Seal of the State of Illinois on the front of the driver’s license/ID card.
5. Ultraviolet feature on the back of the card duplicates the person’s photo and birth date.

### TEMPORARY, SECURE PAPER DRIVER’S LICENSE ISSUED AT THE FACILITY

According to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, present your temporary, secure paper driver’s license/ID card in conjunction with your old driver’s license/ID card to board an airplane.

### AIR TRAVEL WITH YOUR TEMPORARY DRIVER’S LICENSE/ID CARD.

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