



ADVISORY 2018-01

June 18, 2018

To: All County Boards of Elections
Directors, Deputy Directors, and Board Members

Re: Changes to Ohio Driver's Licenses and State Identification Cards

BACKGROUND

Effective, July 2, 2018, the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles will begin to issue Ohio's driver licenses and state identification cards (state IDs) in new formats and following new procedures. Ohio driver's licenses and state identification cards will no longer be produced or issued directly by a Deputy Registrar's office. In an effort to ensure greater security and identification protection for its customers and to comply with federal regulations, the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) is utilizing a single, central point of production for new Ohio driver's licenses and state identification cards.

Starting July 2, 2018, when an individual appears at a Deputy Registrar's office to apply for, update, or renew a driver's license or state identification card, the customer will be given the option to apply for and receive 1) a *compliant* driver's license or state identification card or 2) a *standard* driver's license or state identification card. The individual's new driver's license or state identification card (either compliant or standard) will be produced by the central point of production and mailed directly to the individual approximately 10 days later. To serve as identification until the individual receives his/her new driver's license or state identification card, the individual will be given interim documentation ("Ohio Interim Documentation") by the Deputy Registrar.

It is important to note that an Ohio driver's license or state identification card in the old format is still acceptable as long as it is not expired.

The purposes of this Advisory is to inform county boards of elections about the interim documentation and new formats of Ohio driver's licenses and state identification cards and to instruct county boards of elections that the Ohio Interim Documentation, an Ohio driver's license or state identification card in one of the new formats, or an Ohio driver's license or state identification card in one of the old formats each can be used by an elector as identification for voting purposes.

I. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PHOTO IDENTIFICATION USED FOR VOTING PURPOSES

R.C. 3501.01(AA) sets forth the requirements for photo identification used as identification for voting purposes. In short, a form of photo identification qualifies as identification for voting purposes if it is issued by the government of the United States or the State of Ohio and contains: an expiration date that has not passed; a photograph of the voter; the voter's name, which must conform to the voter's name as it appears in the poll list or signature poll book; and the voter's current address, which must conform to the voter's address as it appears in the poll list or signature poll book (an old address is acceptable for voting as long as the voter's current address is printed in the poll book).¹

Each of the forms of Ohio driver's licenses and identification cards issued by the BMV effective July 2, 2018 qualify as photo identification for voting purposes in Ohio.

II. FORMS OF DRIVER'S LICENSES AND STATE IDENTIFICATION CARDS

A. Ohio Interim Documentation

A Deputy Registrar will issue interim documentation to a customer who applies for, updates, or renews an Ohio driver's license or state identification card. This interim documentation is issued to the individual identified and pictured on the form and is temporarily valid while a new driver's license or identification card is being produced and mailed to the individual. **An Ohio Interim Documentation that displays an expiration date that has not passed is a valid form of identification for voting purposes.**

In addition to issuing interim documentation to an individual, the Deputy Register will hole-punch the individual's previous driver's license or state identification and return it to the individual. **A hole-punched Ohio driver's license or state identification card in the old format that displays an expiration date that has not passed is a valid form of identification for voting purposes.**

An image of the Ohio Interim Documentation is displayed on the following page:

¹ R.C. 3501.01(AA).



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES



OHIO INTERIM DOCUMENTATION

TEMP INSTRUCTION PERMIT	
Name: SAMPLEFAMILY45678901234567890123_36 ANNA MARIA, JR	9911 / ZA123456
Address: 1970 W BROAD STREETAAAAAAAAAA32 COLUMBUS, OH 43218 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA40	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #ccc;">TYPE: STANDARD</div> 
DOB: 4/22/1969 License/ID No.: AB123456 Issued On: 12/13/2017 Class: TMP Expires On: 4/22/2020 Class: M1 Expires On: 4/22/2021 Class: M2 Expires On: 4/22/2022	
Endorsements: MXPST	<i>Betty Buckeye</i>
Restrictions: BGJ4F3C7C4	UNDER 21 UNTIL: 11/22/1993 UNDER 16 UNTIL: 11/22/1987 MOTORCYCLE NOVICE UNTIL: 12/13/2018
Nonrenewable/Nontransferable	INTERIM DOCUMENT EXPIRES 01/26/18
<p>This document is issued to the person identified and pictured as a temporary credential for use while a new permanent driver license or identification card is being manufactured and mailed.</p> <p>Law enforcement may verify through LEADS.</p> <p>WARNING: THE PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, OR POSSESSION OF A FORGED IDENTIFICATION CARD IS PROHIBITED PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE 2913.31.</p>	

- You must carry this interim documentation until you have received your new card.
- Your new driver license or identification card will be processed and mailed to this address within 10 business days:

1970 W BROAD STREETAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
COLUMBUS, OH 43218 AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA_50

- Your new driver license or identification card will be mailed in a plain, white envelope to the address above.
- To monitor and track your mail, the U.S. Postal Service offers a free service called Informed Delivery. To learn more or to sign up for the service, please visit <https://informedelivery.usps.com>
- If you have not received your driver license or identification card within 21 days, you may contact the BMV through LIVECHAT at www.bmv.ohio.gov or call 1-844-OHIO-BMV (1-844-644-6268) to check the status of your card.
- If you have applied for a driver license or temporary instruction permit, this document will allow you to operate a motor vehicle.
- Interim documentation is not valid as a stand-alone document when applying for a CDL or temporary CDL instruction permit.
- This interim documentation only serves as confirmation that an application is pending.

<http://www.bmv.ohio.gov/NewDL-ID>

B. Old Format of Ohio Driver's Licenses or State Identification Cards

An Ohio driver's license or state identification card in the old format is still valid as long as the expiration date has not passed. **An Ohio driver's license or state identification card in the old format that displays an expiration date that has not passed is a valid form of identification for voting purposes.**

Below are images of the old form of Ohio driver's licenses and state identification cards:



C. New Formats of Ohio Driver's Licenses or State Identification Cards

Starting July 2, 2018, the BMV will give a customer two options when applying for, updating, or renewing a driver's license or state identification card: 1) a *compliant* driver's license or state identification card or 2) a *standard* driver's license or state identification card. The difference between the two options is not relevant to the conduct of elections.

An Ohio driver's license or state identification card in the new format that displays an expiration date that has not passed is a valid form of identification for voting purposes.

Below are images of a compliant and standard driver's license or state identification card:

FRONT OF COMPLIANT DRIVER LICENSE

(Star in upper right-hand corner indicates federally compliant driver license)



BACK OF COMPLIANT DRIVER LICENSE



FRONT OF STANDARD DRIVER LICENSE

(No star in upper right-hand corner indicates a non-federally compliant driver license)



BACK OF STANDARD DRIVER LICENSE



If you have questions regarding this Advisory, please contact the Secretary of State's elections counsel assigned to your county at (614) 466-2585.

Sincerely,

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