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NOTICE OF PERSONAL DRIVER LICENSE EXTENSIONS

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the closure of Washington state driver licensing offices, the Department of Licensing (DOL) is continuing to automatically extend the expiration dates of valid Washington state driver licenses. This automatic extension applies to Washington drivers with personal driver licenses that expire on or after March 1, 2020, through September 30, 2020. This will allow drivers affected by DOL office closures to continue to drive without penalty or incurring any late fees.

Driver license expiration dates will be automatically updated in the Department of Licensing computer system:

- Drivers with an expiration date between March 1, 2020, and June 30, 2020, already were extended for 90 days starting in March and will have their expiration date extended for an additional 90 days (for a total of 180 days). This means these driver licenses will expire six months after the date printed on the license.
- Drivers with an expiration date between July 1, 2020 and September 30, 2020, will be extended for 90 days. This means these driver licenses will expire three months after the date printed on the license.

Drivers will not receive a new driver license or ID card with the new expiration date under this extension. DOL recommends carrying this letter while operating a vehicle and presenting it with an expired license if asked to present it by law enforcement or others who need to verify your identity.

Drivers are encouraged to renew their licenses online during this extension period. DOL temporarily expanded eligibility for online driver license renewals. Almost all Washington residents are eligible, so drivers can quickly and easily visit our website at DOL.WA.GOV to renew their licenses online during this period of expanded eligibility.

Drivers or businesses that need to validate an expiration date for a driver can do so on the DOL website: <https://www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/checkstatus.html>