

Sept 30, 2020

## **NOTICE OF COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE EXTENSION UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2020**

Dear Washington State CDL or CLP holder,

The Washington State Department of Licensing (DOL) has extended the expiration dates of all Commercial Learner Permits (CLPs) and Commercial Driver Licenses (CDLs) that expired on or after March 1, 2020, and have not been renewed, to December 31, 2020. This includes all CDL types and all endorsements. You will not incur any late fees during this time period.

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

**DOL is strongly encouraging all CDL drivers to renew their licenses online if possible.** In-person service capacity in our Driver License Service Offices will be very limited in coming months. DOL temporarily expanded eligibility for online driver license renewals. Almost all Washington residents are eligible, so the agency is encouraging all drivers to visit our website at [DOL.WA.GOV](http://DOL.WA.GOV) to renew their licenses online during this period of expanded eligibility. **Please begin the process of renewing your driver license as soon as possible to avoid a disruption of your driving eligibility. If you have to visit a DOL driver licensing office, it can take a month or more to get an appointment for in-person service.**

We are taking these steps to comply with guidance from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and the Transportation Security Administration to keep essential transportation services operational during the response to the Covid-19 pandemic. During this period, it may take additional time for CDL and CLP drivers to renew normally due to reduced capacity in DOL offices. This is particularly true for CDL drivers with HazMat endorsements who are required to pass a HazMat knowledge test at each renewal.