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 April 31, 2020, and drivers with license expiring October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. This will give drivers affected by reduced capacity in DOL offices extra time to renew online or schedule an appointment for service if required 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 April 30, 2020, have been extended for an additional 90 days (for a total of 270 days). This means these driver licenses will expire nine months after the date printed on the license.
- Drivers with an expiration date between October 1, 2020 and December 31, 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 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 as soon as possible 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. Due to COVID-19, DOL driver licensing offices are operating at reduced capacity and by appointment only. Drivers who can’t renew their driver license online should take steps to schedule appointments early because it can take 30 days or more to get an appointment in your local office.

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