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AAMVA's Safe Testing and Deployment of Vehicles Equipped with Automated Driving Systems Guidelines (Edition 2) Now Available



[These guidelines](#) were developed by the Automated Vehicles Subcommittee following an in-depth examination of the potential impacts of Automated Driving System (ADS)-equipped vehicle testing and deployment, as well as the impact of Advanced Driver-Assistance Systems (ADAS) on drivers, including driver education and driver testing.

To keep this report relevant and to provide the best possible guidance to the AAMVA community, it is expected the Subcommittee will update this report periodically. Updates will continue to address MVA and law enforcement concerns related to ADAS and ADS-equipped vehicle testing and deployment. [Read more here.](#)

AAMVA Introduces License Plate Verification Program

License plates allow for the ability to quickly identify motor vehicles and vehicle registration information. The design of license plates that optimize legibility to the human eye and license plate readers is important for efficient and proper identification. AAMVA's License Plate Standard, which was updated in 2020 and will be released within the next 30 days, provides support to jurisdictions in the production of license plates that enhance accurate license plate identification, while providing flexibility for multiple designs.

To assist jurisdictions in determining if their license plates meet these standards, AAMVA is now offering the License Plate Verification Program (LPVP). The LPVP provides jurisdictions, at no cost, the opportunity to submit up to four license plates during each AAMVA fiscal year for comparison to the 2020 AAMVA License Plate Standard. A written report will be generated outlining where the submitted license plate does, and does not, align with the standard. [Read more here under the License Plate Verification tab.](#)

FEATURED NEWS

Jurisdiction Response to COVID-19



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AAMVA joins Donate Life American and Donate Life State Teams in celebrating [National DMV Appreciation Month](#).

The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has extended a [letter of appreciation](#) to DMV staff, who are continuing efforts and dedication to closing the widening gap between the demand for organ transplants and the supply for donated organs.

OUR EVENTS

The 2020 Annual International Conference (AIC), as well as the Region 1, Region 2, Region 3, and Region 4 conferences are cancelled. Visit our [website](#) for the full cancellation list.

[Click here](#) to view consolidated information and see how motor vehicle administrations are handling driver licensing and vehicle registration. This document will be updated with the most current information on our [homepage](#).

Motor Vehicle Industry Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

Below are a selection of news articles regarding the effects of coronavirus on the motor vehicle community.

COVID-19 | NATIONAL NEWS COVERAGE

- [Trucker Pay Increasing as Driver Shortage Grows, Industry Capacity Tightens](#) (Transport Topics)

COVID-19 | REGION 1 NEWS COVERAGE

- [DMV: Renew Documents Before Extensions Expire](#) (New York)
- [DMV Making Changes to Cut Down Wait Times, Increase Appointment Availability](#) (Rhode Island)
- [ACCD: DMV Offices Reopening, AG Grant Deadline, Cross-state Travel Map](#) (Vermont)
- [Second MVC Agency Closes This Month After Worker Positive for Coronavirus](#) (New Jersey)

COVID-19 | REGION 2 NEWS COVERAGE

- [No Real ID Yet? No Worries — The Deadline Has Been Extended](#) (Tennessee)
- [2 Kentucky Real ID Offices Closed After Positive Coronavirus Tests](#)
- [Backlog, No-Shows Causing Delays at Texas DPS Driver's License Offices](#) (Texas)

COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Prospective Minnesota Drivers Will Soon Be Able to Take Knowledge Test at Home Online](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Anchors & Whiskers: Pandemic DMV Experience Exhausting, Yet Seemingly Safe](#) (California)
- [Online DMV License Renewal Available Ahead of Schedule](#) (Nevada)
- [Oregon DMV Requiring Third-Party Driving Tests](#)

Visit [cdc.gov](#) for more information on [COVID-19](#), [guidance](#), [press releases](#), [press kits](#), and more.

REGION 1 NEWS

Study Showing Disparities in License Suspensions Renews Call for Reform (New Jersey)

A new study showing that driver's license suspensions in New Jersey disproportionately affect people of color and low-income residents has renewed a bipartisan call for reform. [Read the article at www.politico.com](#).

TSA at Albany International Airport Now Using Credential

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15 | [CD04 State-to-State History Request \(intermediate\)](#)

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21 | [CDLIS Disqualifications for Federal Offenses \(intermediate\)](#)

22 | [CDLIS Foreign Convictions and Withdrawals \(intermediate\)](#)

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OUR WEBINARS

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13 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – How to Correct Title and Brand Data on the Central Site](#)

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20 | [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature](#)

21 | [Conference Session Series: Contact Center for DMV Professionals](#)

22 | [NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States \(AMIE Version\) – Part 2](#)

Authentication Technology (New York)

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) checkpoint at Albany International Airport is now using new technology that confirms the validity of a traveler's identification (ID) and confirms their flight information in near real time. [Read the full story at Homeland Security Today.](#)

REAL ID Issuance Resumes in PA

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation announced that it has resumed issuing REAL IDs at reopened Driver License Centers offering driver license services throughout the state. [Read the full story at the Wyoming County Press Examiner.](#)

ACLU of RI's Suit Against DMV on Bbehalf of 'FKGAS' Tesla Driver Scores Early Win

In a major victory for the American Civil Liberties Union of Rhode Island and vanity plate enthusiasts, a federal judge in Rhode Island ruled Friday that a Tesla driver could keep his "FKGAS" license plate for now. [Read the full article in the Providence Journal.](#)

REGION 2 NEWS

Real ID Causing Back Ups at Oklahoma Tag Agencies

Going to the tag agency takes longer than it used to as people are getting the new Real IDs. [Read more at kjrh.com.](#)

Study: Risk Of Death Or Injury Is Greater When Roads Are More Clear

The number of Texas traffic crashes in April dropped by almost 50 percent compared to 2017-2019 averages, according to a study by the Center for Transportation Safety at the Texas A&M Transportation Institute. The number of fatalities also dropped by about 20 percent. [Read the article at today.tamu.edu.](#)

Online Appointment Portal Offers Less Wait Times at Driver Service Centers (Tennessee)

Planning to get to the driver service center to renew your license can be a nightmare, but if you plan ahead and make your appointment online you can be in and out in minutes. [Read the full article from WSMV.](#)

Texas College Plans Free Rides in Driverless Cars

The University of Texas at Arlington recently received \$606,457 to help launch a new autonomous public transportation program. [Read the full article at ratchet andwrench.com](#)

REGION 3 NEWS

Michigan Secretary of State to Offer Priority Driver's License, ID Appointments

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Secretary of State offices will offer priority driver's license and state ID appointments from Oct. 5 through Nov. 2. The appointments will be available from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. They are for Michigan residents who need to get a first-time license or ID, replace one because of loss, or correct one because of a name change. [Read the full story at clickondetroit.com.](#)

Residents Still Have Time to Get a Free Photo ID for Voting (Wisconsin)

For those currently lacking an acceptable photo ID for voting, there is still time to get one, for free. "If you don't have an acceptable photo ID, you can get one for free after just one visit to a Wisconsin DMV office through the ID Petition Process," said Meagan Wolfe, Wisconsin's chief election official. "Just bring whatever identifying documents you have like a birth certificate and proof of your current address," said Wolfe, administrator of the Wisconsin Elections Commission. "However, if you don't have everything necessary, the DMV will still mail you a document with your photo that you can use for voting." [Read the full article at plymouth-review.com](#)

REGION 4 NEWS

Waymo Driverless Robotaxi Service Expanding in Phoenix

Waymo, the self-driving vehicle technology unit of Google parent Alphabet, is relaunching and expanding access to its fully driverless robotaxi service around Phoenix. Current members of the Waymo One ride-hailing service will now have access to driverless robotaxis and in a few weeks anyone who downloads the Waymo app will too. [Read the full article at therobotreport.com.](#)

Study Says 1 in 4 Arizonans Believe Driving Under the Influence is Not a Criminal Offense

A provider in employment background screening conducted a survey of more than 3,200 drivers across the United States that revealed that about 27 percent of Arizona drivers believe that driving under the influence of alcohol is not a criminal offense, but a civil one. [Read more at kold.com.](#)

Can California Force Emission-free Cars on Everyone? Don't Bet on It, U.S. Automakers Say

Last month Gov. Gavin Newsom, seeking a breakthrough on climate change during a year of record wildfires, signed an executive order banning the sale of new cars in California that run on gasoline starting in 2035. And once again, the auto industry is pushing back. Responding to Newsom's order, automakers said they're happy to build more electric cars — but they can't force people to buy them. Industry executives said consumer demand for electric vehicles has been disappointing. [Read the full article in the Sacramento Bee.](#)

Plan for Wait Times as State Updates DMV Registration, Titling System (Idaho)

The public should plan for a slower process at county DMV offices mid-month as the state transitions into an updated vehicle registration and titling system in October. [Read the article at idahocountyfreepress.com.](#)

Best Ways To Get DMV Service In The Near Future

(Oregon)

The Oregon Department of Transportation says the DMV is continuing to improve its services by adding more appointments, expanding online services and retrofitting offices to catch up with its backlog. However, it says if customers who need DMV services this fall and into 2021, should start early to set an appointment. [Read the full article at KDRV.com.](#)

Saskatchewan Divers Most Likely to Eat, Microsleep Behind Wheel: Survey

If there is one thing people agree on — it's everyone else's bad driving. When asked about their own behaviours, six in 10 Canadians admitted to dangerous driving in the last 12 months, according to a new study from Finder.com. [Read more at globalnews.ca.](#)

OTHER NEWS

Secure Technology Alliance Webinar to Explore Challenges to Robust Growth of the Mobile Driver's License Ecosystem

Issuance and adoption of mobile driver's licenses (mDLs) have accelerated across the U.S., with more public and private operations exploring numerous use cases for mDLs. As with large-scale implementation of new technology, challenges arise that need to be addressed as implementation and acceptance increases. The Secure Technology Alliance announced today the fourth and final webinar in its mobile driver's license webinar series, which will focus on challenges to the rollout and growth of the mDL ecosystem and will kick off industry activities to address them. With the immense potential offered by mDLs, this webinar will help stakeholders understand the necessary considerations for supporting national scale issuance, acceptance and verification. The webinar, "Challenges to the mDL Ecosystem," will be held October 28 at 1pm ET/10am PT. Registration is available at <https://securetechalliance.webex.com/securetechalliance/onstage/g.php?MTID=e4783ce208798231140cc84a966dab9a5>. Speakers for the fourth webinar are: Arjan Geluk, UL; Loffie Jordaan, AAMVA; David Kelts, GET Group North America; Tom Lockwood, NextgenID; Mindy Stephens, AAMVA; Randy Vanderhoof, Secure Technology Alliance.

Real ID License Deadline Should Be Further Delayed, Travel Association Says

If we lived in some alternate timeline where the coronavirus pandemic didn't exist, you'd need a Real ID license to board any aircraft in the US as of Oct. 1. But, as COVID-19 swept across the US, the federal government pushed a deadline for the new license to Oct. 1, 2021. Now, the US Travel Association thinks the US will need even more time. In a statement released last week, the nonprofit organization, which represents all major components of the US travel industry, called on the federal government to further delay the Real ID requirement. [Read the full article on cnet.com.](#)

Self-Driving Cars Could Be Operating Daily in One to Two Years – Just Not in Big Cities

Oliver Cameron co-founded the self-driving car startup Voyage in 2017 on the theory that retirement communities are the perfect place to launch a robo-taxi service. Their low-speed, low-traffic roads make the engineering challenge easier. And retirees, many of whom are unwilling or unable to drive themselves, are an obvious

cliente. "We're focused on serving senior citizens, who we believe are the best first customer for driverless technology," says Cameron. [Read the full article in The Star.](#)

Waymo and Cruise Safety Drivers Face A Bleak Choice: Pandemic or Pollution?

Waymo and Cruise, two of the leading AV companies in the world, contract the labor of thousands of operational staff in the Bay Area, including backup drivers, mechanics, cleaners, and fleet managers. Backup drivers, in particular, play a crucial role: they monitor the driving operations of the self-driving car, and occasionally take control when something goes wrong. Their jobs are important — but can also be boring and exhausting. Most of these workers are employed by third-party vendors and are already dealing with the stress and anxiety of coming back to work in the midst of a global pandemic. And now, in California's fire season, these drivers are growing increasingly uneasy with what they perceive to be a lack of proper health and safety precautions taken by their employers. [Read the full article at The Verge.](#)

TWITTER NEWS

Stay on top of the chatter in the MVA and LE community on social media. You may be surprised at what you're missing! Here are a few highlights of last weeks' activity.

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We reduce our risk when we slow down, pay attention & stay sober. Until we get self-driving cars, the best way to reduce risk is by making safer choices. — @TTITAMU's Robert Wunderlich [@annkelledits](#) <https://bit.ly/3jHlvTP>
Read GHSA's Speeding Report: <http://bit.ly/2RObGbN>



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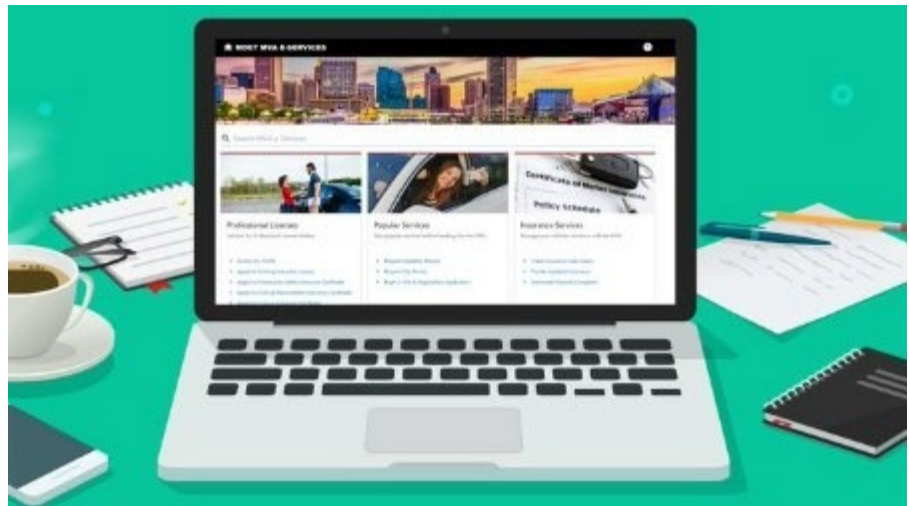
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