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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 updated License Plate Standard 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

[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

- [TSA Reports Its First Million-flier Weekend Since the Pandemic Began](#)
- [Covid-19 Impact on Self-Driving or Driverless Cars Market 2020 Industry Challenges, by Key Players, Types, Applications, Countries, Market Size, Forecast to 2026](#)
- [Wit hDMVs Closed And Backlogged, People Who Want to Vote Are Struggling Even To Register](#)
- [More Parents Are Teaching Their Teens How to Drive During COVID](#)

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- [NJMVC Shifts 11 Centers to Appointment-Only](#)



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- [MVC Licensing Center in Cardiff Closed \(New Jersey\)](#)
- [MVC Vehicle Center in Manahawkin Closed \(New Jersey\)](#)
- [Pressure Mounts for New Jersey MVC to Let Drivers Make Appointments, Ditch Long Lines \(New Jersey\)](#)
- [Line Holders Are Paid to Wait All Night Outside a Motor Vehicle Office \(New Jersey\)](#)

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- [DDS Encourages Use of Online Services for Teens \(Georgia\)](#)
- [Mail-in Renewal Option for Driver's Licenses Extended \(Kentucky\)](#)
- [Kentuckians Navigate Long Waits To Renew Driver's License. Registration](#)
- [More License-Renewal Woes at the DMV? \(Virginia\)](#)

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- [State Email Service Helps Illinois Drivers Restore Privileges](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE

- [More Oahu Motorists can Renew Licenses via Mail \(Hawaii\)](#)
- [DMV Sees Backlog in Processing Vehicle Registration Renewals \(Nevada\)](#)
- [Utah DMV Ends The Use of Registration Renewal Postcards](#)
- [Third-party DMV Services Busier in Las Vegas Amid Backlog \(Nevada\)](#)

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

REGION 1 NEWS

Pressure Mounts for New Jersey MVC to Let Drivers Make Appointments, Ditch Long Lines

On the first day that Motor Vehicle Commission agencies reopened in July after being closed for four months, drivers who were interviewed asked why the MVC didn't offer appointments as an alternative to people lining up and waiting for hours at agencies. As long waits and lines continue to linger at MVC offices for months and with a recent series of closures due to agency workers testing positive for the coronavirus, pressure continues to mount for a switch to an appointment-based system for transactions that require an in-person visit. [Read more at nj.com](#).

Ontario Introduces Program That Could Replace Physical ID Cards with Phones

The Ontario government just introduced a new project that, if all goes well, would eliminate our need to carry around physical health cards, driver's licenses and other forms of provincially-issued ID. It may not be great news for the high school kid using his older brother's G1 to buy beer, but it would make life a lot simpler for almost everyone else... especially when it comes to the process of replacing lost cards. [Read more at blogto.com](#).

Ontario Unveils Plan to Digitize Driver's Licenses, Birth Certificates

The Ontario government today unveiled plans to digitize driver's licenses and birth certificates, as part of a broader announcement to overhaul services in the province. [Read more at iphoneincanada.ca](#).

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REGION 2 NEWS

Georgia Driver Services' Motorcycle Safety Program Announces \$114,902 Grant Award

The Department of Driver Services' (DDS) Georgia Motorcycle Safety Program (GSMP) has received a grant for just over \$114,902 from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS). This funding will be used to help reduce motorcycle fatalities, increase driver awareness of motorcycles, and help train motorcycle riders on how to ride safely. According to the Insurance Information Institute, motorcyclists are 28 times more likely to die in a crash than an automobile rider. [Read the press release.](#)

Louisiana Drivers Can Now Request Duplicate Licenses Online

The Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) has added a form to the OMV website allowing drivers to request a replacement driver's license or identification card credentials. Requests can be made online, 24 hours a day, seven days a week via the state's Duplicate Credential Request application on www.expresslane.org. [Read more at *katc.com*.](#)

False Text Prompts Voters to Call Male Escort Service, According to State Election Board (Oklahoma)

Oklahoma State Election Board Secretary, Paul Ziriaux, issued a voter alert today, October 19th. The alert warns voters about a text message that was received by a voter last Friday. Ziriaux says the text claimed that the voter's polling place had been changed, but Ziriaux says that was not true. [Read more at *fox23.com*.](#)

You'll Either Need a Copy Machine or a Notary to Vote by Mail in Oklahoma

At the beginning of the pandemic, Oklahoma told its citizens they needed to seek out a notary if they wanted to vote by mail. After a successful lawsuit challenging that, and a counter-move by conservative lawmakers, they can now seek out a copy machine instead. [Read more at *publicintegrity.org*.](#)

State Waiver for Vehicle Registration Still in Effect (Texas)

Orders issued in March by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott in conjunction with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles granting a temporary waiver for expired vehicle registrations are still currently in effect. Abbott issued the order on March 16, granting a temporary extension to obtain initial or renewal of vehicle registration or titling, and renewal of a permanent disabled parking placard. The DMV informed law enforcement agencies and county tax assessor-collectors of the temporary waiver, and as soon as new information is available it will be posted on the DMV website. [Read more at *uvaldeleadernews*.](#)

Virginia Police Can Keep License Plate Data Indefinitely, State Supreme Court Rules (Virginia)

Police in Virginia may indefinitely keep data from automated license plate readers, noting the time and place where a car was photographed by police, the

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Virginia Supreme Court ruled Thursday. The court ruled that simply storing license plate numbers and photos of cars does not constitute “keeping” data because officers must connect to a separate database from the state Department of Motor Vehicles or other criminal databases to link a license plate with a name. [Read more at washingtonpost.com.](#)

REGION 3 NEWS

Jesse White Announces Teen Driver Crash Fatalities Down 74% (Illinois)

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced today that teen driver deaths are down 74% since 2007. According to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), since White's efforts to overhaul the state's graduated driver licensing (GDL) laws took effect in 2008, teen driving fatalities have dropped 74%. Many cite White's nationally heralded GDL program for the dramatic decrease in fatalities. [Read the press release.](#)

Jesse White Announces New Email Service for those Seeking to Restore Driving Privileges (Illinois)

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that a new email service is available to members of the public who need information on reinstating driving privileges, obtaining driving relief or scheduling an administrative hearing. Individuals who have a driver's license suspension or revocation or any other loss of driving privileges can send an email to adminhearings@ilsos.gov. [Read the press release.](#)

Deadline to Renew Expired Driver Licenses Is Dec. 30, 2020 (South Dakota)

South Dakotans are reminded that they have only until Dec. 30, 2020 to renew expired driver licenses or ID cards and are encouraged to renew online at Renew2020SD.com. The state Driver Licensing program has been working since March to address the backlog of expired licenses and ID cards that were given an extension due to COVID-19. That extension ends on Dec. 30, 2020. [Read the press release.](#)

State Driver Licenses and IDs Are the Most Common Forms of Identification to Show At the Polls (Wisconsin)

Wisconsin driver licenses or IDs are the most common forms of identification used for voting purposes. Wisconsin Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) encourages voters to check and be sure that they have the proper identification needed to vote in the November General Election. [Read the press release.](#)

Mid America States Plan Future of Automated Vehicles(Wisconsin)

Mid America states are planning for the future of automated vehicle technology at the 2020 CAV Summit. The virtual gathering to discuss the many challenges of adopting connected and automated vehicle technology (CAV) was hosted by the Mid America Association of Transportation Officials (MAASTO) Oct. 22 – 23. [Read te press release.](#)

REGION 4 NEWS

Dealer to Sell Digital License Plates in Northern California

Under a strategic alliance between ReviverMX and Hansel Auto Group to sell what it describes as “the world’s first digital license plate” across Northern California, Hansel will sell and install the product, the Rplate, as an accessory. With the Rplate, a user can automatically renew vehicle registration online without dealing with stickers and associated motor vehicle administration paperwork sent through the mail. [Read more at autoremarketing.com](http://autoremarketing.com).

Dia De Los Muertos Production Aims to Help Undocumented People Get Driver's License (Idaho)

Title 49 Chapter three in the Idaho state code list reasons why someone may not be able to get a driver's license; one of the reasons: being present in the country unlawfully, but Poder of Idaho, a non-profit organization, started a campaign to change that. [Read more at kivity.com](http://kivity.com).

New DMV System ‘a Slow, Painful Start’ (Idaho)

It’s a rocky start for implementation of the Idaho Transportation Departments new DMV system that went live, statewide, last Tuesday, Oct. 13. As a result, the public is recommended to use online or mail options, and an Idaho County DMV office closure is set for this Friday, Oct. 23, to address backlog issues. [Read more at idahocountyfreepress.com](http://idahocountyfreepress.com).

OTHER NEWS

Spread of Electric Cars Sparks Fights for Control Over Charging

Electric vehicles are widely seen as the automobile industry’s future, but a battle is unfolding in states across America over who should control the charging stations that could gradually replace fuel pumps. [Read more at wsj.com](http://wsj.com).

Flying Cars On the Horizon

As the technology of transport continues to advance in surprising and innovate ways – from virtual test drives to autonomous buses and beyond – an unexpected question has arisen: will self-flying vehicles take off before self-driving vehicles? [Read more at 2025ad.com](http://2025ad.com).

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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