COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Event Announcements

The health and safety of our employees, members, and those who attend an AAMVA event remains our top priority. As we continue to monitor the rapidly changing situation we will be updating this announcement with any changes to conferences, events, and meetings. At present, the following are canceled:

- Workshop & Law Institute (March 18-19, 2020)
- License Plate Standard Working Group Meeting (April 1-2, 2020)
- NDR Working Group Meeting (April 15-16, 2020)
- CDL Driver History Working Group Meeting (April 8-9, 2020)
- AAMVA Board of Directors Meeting (April 28-29, 2020)
- Industry Advisory Board Meeting (April 28, 2020)
- State-to-State Governance Committee Meeting (April 30, 2020)
- AAMVA Leadership Academy (May 4-7, 2020)
- CDL/IT Coordinators Meeting (May 19-21, 2020)
- Region 3 Chief Administrators Meeting (June 9-10, 2020)

This list will be updated with the most current information on our homepage. For questions, please contact Dianne Graham (571) 265-5573 or Samara Fetner (703) 254-7020.

Jurisdiction Response to COVID-19

COVID-19, a novel (new) coronavirus, is a rapidly-evolving global pandemic. Though it has been declared a national emergency, local and state government officials and public health departments, in consultation with federal officials, have been tasked with making decisions based on local conditions. 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.

This Week’s Webinars

NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature

Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)

Before a jurisdiction issues a title or other ownership document or record, the SWI can provide information to help the jurisdiction determine whether the ownership documentation presented with the application are valid. The information supports jurisdictions' titling processes for both new and used vehicles. The Anti-Car Theft Act requires each jurisdiction to perform an instant title verification check before issuing a title to an applicant claiming to have purchased the vehicle from an individual or entity in another jurisdiction. The SWI VIN search feature can be used to satisfy this legal requirement. In addition, the NMVTIS best practice is that jurisdictions perform an inquiry before issuing a title or other ownership document or

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1  |  CDLIS Improving Data Quality (basic)

2  |  CDLIS Error Detection and Resolution (intermediate)

7  |  CDLIS Resolving Duplicate Pointers (advanced)

8  |  CD14 Mark Driver Unique (intermediate)

9  |  CD10 Delete Master Pointer Record (intermediate)

14  |  CDLIS Rules for Driver Withdrawals (intermediate)

15  |  CD16 Report Out-of-State Withdrawal (intermediate)

16  |  CD17 Negate Out-of-State Withdrawal (intermediate)

21  |  CD01 Search Inquiry (intermediate)

22  |  CD02 Verification Inquiry (intermediate)

23  |  CD05 AKA Data Inquiry (intermediate)

28  |  CD07 Add New Driver (intermediate)

29  |  CD09 Change Data (intermediate)

30  |  CD15 Update AKA Data (intermediate)

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OUR WEBINARS

MARCH

31  |  NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature

APRIL

1  |  U.S. Passport Verification Service Overview

Note: This webinar is for AAMVA jurisdiction and federal members only.

U.S. Passport Verification Service Overview
Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm (EDT)

This webinar is intended to walk through the U.S. Passport Verification Service (USPVS). The purpose of this webinar is to understand what USPVS is, how it works, discuss the different reasons for no-match on U.S. passport and steps to take when no-match is returned on a US passport record. 

This webinar is for AAMVA jurisdiction members only.

Understanding the Purpose of the New SPEXS WebUI Reporting Portal
Friday, April 3, 2020, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm (EDT)

This webinar is to provide an overview of the new SPEXS WebUI Reporting Portal. Participants will learn how to add users, how to create groups, and how to run on-demand and scheduled reports.

This webinar is for AAMVA jurisdiction members only.

FEATURED NEWS

Legislative Alert: U.S. Department of Homeland Security Extends REAL ID to October 1, 2021

The United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has announced that it is extending the REAL ID Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-13) until October 1, 2021. DHS will accompany the announcement with a notice of the new deadline in the Federal Register in the coming days.

Separately, the United States Congress has also included language that would extend the deadline for REAL ID until September 30, 2021. The language was included as part of the enormous $2 trillion supplemental appropriations package (HR 748) designed to mitigate the effects of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The REAL ID extension language is included in Section 16006 of the legislation.

AAMVA will continue to monitor details as provided by Congress and DHS. Below are a selection of news articles regarding the postponement.

- Acting Secretary Chad Wolf Statement on the REAL ID Enforcement Deadline
- ALEA Confirms STAR ID Deadline Extension, Further Limits In-Person Driver License Services (Alabama)
- Deadline for AZ Travel ID Delayed One Year (Arizona)
- COVID-19 Updates on REAL ID, Lane Closures, and Other Highways Work (Hawaii)
- Federal REAL ID Deadline Extended to Oct. 1, 2021 (Illinois)
- Sec. Dunlap: Real ID Enforcement Delayed (Maine)
- Montana Secures Extension of ’REAL ID’ Deadline
- Federal REAL ID Enforcement Deadline Postponed to October 2021 (Pennsylvania)
- Departamento de Seguridad Nacional Extiende Periodo de Solicitud del Real ID (Puerto Rico)
- Federal REAL ID Enforcement Deadline Extended Until Oct. 1, 2021: Virginians Now Have Additional Time to Obtain Important Credential

Motor Vehicle Industry Response on COVID-19 Pandemic

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19, a novel (new) coronavirus, to be a global pandemic. This is a rapidly-evolving pandemic, and though early data suggested people above the age of 60 and/or with underlying medical conditions (such as diabetes, heart disease, or lung disease) were considered to be most at risk, recent data has shown 40% of hospitalized patients were between the ages of 20 and 54. By March 13, COVID-19 was declared a national emergency by President Donald Trump. FMCSA has expanded on the national emergency declaration in the United States to provide HOS relief for commercial vehicle drivers transporting emergency aid. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has encouraged many preventative measures, including social distancing and cancelling events, but local and state government officials and public health departments, in consultation with federal officials, have been tasked with making decisions based on local conditions. Many states have issued stay at home orders. Lawmakers asked DHS to delay the federal REAL ID deadline, which was granted by the federal government. In response to the emerging situation, AAMVA has cancelled its 2020 Workshop & Law Institute, restricted staff business travel, and mandated a work from home period for all employees. Below are a selection of news articles regarding the effects of coronavirus on the motor vehicle community.

COVID-19 | REGION 1 NEWS COVERAGE

- CT Department of Motor Vehicles to Allow Driving Schools to Provide Online Training (Connecticut)
- CT Department of Motor Vehicles Provides Critical Services in New Operating Model (Connecticut)
- Sec. Dunlap: BMV-Issued Licenses, State IDs Extended During Emergency (Maine)
- Sec. Dunlap: CDLs, Registrations Extended During Emergency (Maine)
- Massachusetts RMV to Strictly Enforce No Walk-In Policy at 8 Open Service Centers
- In-Person Services Temporarily Discontinued at Service New Brunswick Centres
- MVC Agencies Remain Closed to the Public Two More Weeks: Headquarters and Online Services Will Continue Operations (New Jersey)
- NYS DMV to Suspend Services in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic (New York)
- PennDOT Extends Expiration Dates on Driver Licenses, ID Cards, Vehicle Registrations and Other Products (Pennsylvania)
- Important Information for Law Enforcement Regarding Further Motor Vehicle Document Extensions (Rhode Island)
- Second Expiration Date Extensions Order (Rhode Island)
- COVID-19 | Commercial Drivers License (Vermont)
- District Closes In-Person Customer Service Centers to Protect Residents and Government Workers (Washington, DC)

COVID-19 | REGION 2 NEWS COVERAGE

- ADOR Warns of Scams Related to Upcoming Stimulus Checks (Alabama)
- ALEA Partners with Department of Education to Streamline Driver License Process for Teens (Alabama)
- ALEA Advises Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has Granted Extension for Expired CDLs/CLPs and Medical Certification (Alabama)
- ALEA Continues to Modify its Driver License Division Operations in Response to COVID-19 (Alabama)
- Notice to all Law Enforcement Agencies (Georgia)
- Governor Brian P. Kemp Authorizes Emergency License Procedures for Georgia Drivers
- Georgia Income Tax and Tag Renewal Deadlines Extended
- SCDMV Branches Adjust Days of Operation (South Carolina)
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OUR SURVEYS

Please respond to these surveys from Utah, Maryland, South Carolina, Washington, Quebec, Ontario, and AAMVA.

Odometer Disclosures (Ends 04/17/2020)
Salaries for Customer Agents (Ends 04/10/2020)
Reciprocity for Sales Tax (Ends 04/10/2020)
Cultural Name Change (Ends 04/17/2020)
 Licence Plate Supplier (Ends 04/06/2020)
REAL ID Compliant Issued Cards (Ends 04/17/2020)
Real ID Program Requirement Relief (Ends 03/31/2020)

You can view all open surveys and responses to all surveys by visiting the survey tool. Please contact Janice Dluzynski if you have any questions about using the survey tool.

Tennessee Department of Safety & Homeland Security’s Announces Additional Driver Services Division Updates
- DPS Limits Public Access to Buildings Due to COVID-19, Business Operations Still Remain Open (Texas)
- DPS Issues Update on Last Week's Release Regarding Employee Who Tested Positive for COVID-19 (Texas)
- Governor's Credential Extension Assists Nearly One Million Virginians during Temporary DMV Closure
- WV DMV Reminds Customers of Transaction Extensions (West Virginia)

COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE

- Jesse White Reminds Investors to Beware of Con Artists Looking to Profit from COVID-19 Pandemic (Illinois)
- BMV Announces 2-Week Branch Closure and Available Out-of-Branch Options (Indiana)
- Commercial Driver’s License Holders Offered Relief During COVID-19 Response (Iowa)
- Appointments for Iowa DOT Driver's License and ID Services Now Mandatory and Available for Essential Services Only Until May 1
- Governor Laura Kelly Signs Executive Orders for Extensions on Taxes and Driver's License and Vehicle Renewals (Kansas)
- Manitoba Public Insurance Closing Its Dauphin Service Centre, Transition to COVID-19 Testing Centre
- DPS-DVS Offices Statewide Closing for Two Weeks; Driver's License Extensions on the Way (Minnesota)
- NDDOT Offering CDL Services by Appointment Only (North Dakota)
- Motor Vehicle Title and Registration Renewals Extended (South Dakota)

COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE

- ADOT Continuing Essential Services to Support Arizonans During Pandemic (Arizona)
- Licence Renewals and Payment Deferrals Now Available During Pandemic (British Columbia)
- Licensing and Insurance Documentation and Decals During COVID-19 Outbreak (British Columbia)
- Temporary Number Plates During COVID-19 (British Columbia)
- Driving Credentials and COVID-19 Emergency Orders (Hawaii)
- Department of Revenue and Taxation Addresses Potential Phishing Scam (Guam)
- Idaho DMV Encourages Residents to Complete DMV Services Online Using Customer Service Portal
- DMV, DPS Remind Motorists of 90-Day Extension (Nevada)
- MVD Closes Field Offices Statewide (New Mexico)
- DMV Offices Open Only for Commercial Drivers by Appointment (Oregon)
- WYDOT Urges Customers to Use Alternative Methods of Conducting Driver Services Business (Wyoming)

Visit cdc.gov for more information on COVID-19, guidance, press releases, press kits, and more.

JURISDICTION NEWS

ALEA Adds Vessel License to Its Online Services Lineup (Alabama)

With summer boating season around the corner, the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency and the Alabama State Department of Education remind customers of the new time-saving option to obtain an Alabama vessel license online. Since Jan. 1 of this year, a customers' test score automatically is transmitted to ALEA’s Driver
License Division after they have completed and passed a Basic Boating Safety Course through one of the following sources: Department of Education Driver’s Education, approved online boating education vendor or ALEA’s Marine Patrol Division. The agency’s Driver License Division then will add the vessel license (V endorsement) to the customer’s driver license and mail the customer a Boater Safety Certificate. Read more at alea.gov.

MVD Reissuing Some Driver’s Licenses and IDs (New Mexico)
Due to a programming error, driver’s licenses and identification cards issued by the New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division between March 5 and March 22 inadvertently omitted street number information in the address fields. MVD is mailing corrected licenses and ID cards to all customers affected by the problem over the next two weeks. Customers do not have to take any action as MVD has identified all those affected. Read more at tax.newmexico.gov.

FEDERAL NEWS

Congress Passes $2.3 Trillion COVID-19 Relief Legislation
The United States Congress has passed, and the President has signed, supplemental appropriations legislation intended to curb the social and economic impacts of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The $2.3 trillion package (HR 748) includes support for a wide-range of activities that “prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.” The bill represents the largest relief measure in United States history and is the third relief bill lawmakers have passed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The legislation (Section 16006) includes a provision directing DHS to extend the REAL ID deadline “until not earlier than September 30, 2021.” DHS has taken a parallel action to announce an extension of the REAL ID enforcement deadline until October 1, 2021. While both executive language and legislative language agree on extending the deadline, the difference in dates is inconsequential as the legislation directs DHS to extend the deadline to “not earlier than September 30, 2021.” Title VI includes provisions related to the Department of Homeland Security, and Title XII relates to the Department of Transportation. Read more at congress.gov.

NHTSA Seeks Comments on Occupant Protection for Automated Driving Systems
The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s (NHTSA) proposal is one of a series of regulatory actions that NHTSA is considering to address the near- and long-term challenges of testing and verifying compliance with the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) for vehicles equipped with Automated Driving Systems (ADS) that lack the traditional manual controls necessary for human drivers, but that are otherwise traditional vehicles with typical seating configurations. The document seeks to clarify the ambiguities in applying current crashworthiness standards to ADS-equipped vehicles without traditional manual controls, while maintaining the regulatory text’s application to more traditional vehicles and vehicles equipped with ADS that may have alternate modes. The proposal is limited to the crashworthiness standards and provides a unified set of proposed regulatory text applicable to vehicles with and without ADS functionality. The notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) builds on NHTSA’s efforts to identify and address regulatory barriers to vehicles with unique designs that are equipped with ADS technologies, including the advance NPRM on removing barriers in the crash avoidance (100 Series) FMVSS in May 2019; the request for comments on this topic in January 2018; and the research that NHTSA is currently conducting. NHTSA also intends to issue a separate notice regarding removal of barriers in the FMVSS that pertain to telltale, indicators, alerts, and warnings in ADS-equipped vehicles. Comments should be submitted no later than May 29, 2020. Read more at govi.gov.
New Research Designed to Quantify Trucking Impacts from COVID-19 – Industry Survey Seeks Operating Impacts from Drivers, Fleets

The American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI) and the Owner-Operator Independent Driver Association Foundation (OOIDA Foundation) are conducting a joint research study to understand the numerous impacts that the Coronavirus pandemic is having on trucking operations. The research focuses heavily on a survey that solicits critical input from truck drivers and motor carrier staff who are encountering COVID-19 impacts such as limited shipper access, changing distribution patterns and traffic-related issues. Read more at truckingresearch.org.