

SC Department of Motor Vehicles

Information on Licenses, Vehicle Registrations, and Temporary License Plates

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Dear SCDMV Stakeholders:

The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles has worked to ensure the essential operations the agency provides remain fully functional while considering the impact of COVID-19 on South Carolina. For these reasons, the guidelines below are now in place. Please let me know if you, your business, or your colleagues have questions about this information.

All identification cards, non-commercial driver's licenses, beginner's permits, non-hazmat commercial driver's licenses, and commercial learner's permits with expiration dates of March 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 will be treated as valid until July 1, 2020. All public and private businesses, companies, agencies, and organizations of any kind are urged to accept these documents as valid.

All non-commercial motor vehicles with registrations that expire March 2020 through June 2020 will be valid until July 1, 2020.

Since some state residents are not able to pay vehicle property taxes in counties closed to the public and because the county offices may delay issuance of tax bills, the SCDMV will suspend the collection of late fees for vehicle registration renewals. The agency will also suspend the suspension of driver's licenses for failure to pay property taxes for registration renewals that expire March 2020 through June 2020.

Treat all traceable temporary license plates and 30-day temporary license plates with expiration dates of March 2020 through June 2020 as valid until July 1, 2020. Vehicles that have expired temporary plates that are not properly titled and registered within 45 days after July 1, 2020 will be considered as having expired registrations.

It must be understood that expired driver's licenses, beginner's permits, commercial driver's licenses, or commercial learner's permits and vehicle license plates may not be recognized outside of South Carolina.

People are encouraged to keep a copy of this guidance with them if impacted by one of the items above.

In addition to the information above, some SCDMV branches are operating on revised schedules. Please visit SCDMVOnline.com for a complete list of branch offices hours.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this information.

Regards,

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