Important Facts About Your Florida Motor Vehicle

Renewing your vehicle or boat registration

You may renew motor vehicle, trailer and vessel registrations up to three months prior to your birth month. Please contact your local county tax collector's office/ license plate agency or renew online at www.GoRenew.com. You may change the address on your registration at www.GoRenew.com.

Register your motor vehicle for two years at a time

You can avoid the worry and hassle of making sure your vehicle registration is renewed during your deployment by selecting the biennial option when you renew.

Power of Attorney

You can give a general or a limited Power of Attorney to a family member or a trusted friend to handle your motor vehicle needs and registration. The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides a limited Power of Attorney (form HSMV 82053) for your use, which is available online at www.flhsmv.gov/dmv/forms/BTR/82053.pdf.

Selling your vehicle?

Florida motor vehicle owners must notify the Department when selling a motor vehicle, mobile home or vessel. To accomplish this, complete form HSMV 82050 (www.flhsmv.gov/dmv/forms/BTR/82050.pdf) and submit it to your local tax collector's office or to the address on the top of the form within 30 days from the date of sale. If you have given Power of Attorney to a family member or friend, he/she may complete the form on your behalf. By filing this form, you can avoid any civil liability for the operation of the sold motor vehicle, mobile home or vessel. In addition to filing this form, we suggest you keep a copy of your bill of sale, certificate of title or other type of transaction document that proves you sold the vehicle.

QUICK CONTACTS

Customer Service

MilitaryRenewal@flhsmv.gov • (850) 617-2000

Renew online

www.GoRenew.com

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Military Servicemembers and Families

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is proud of America's men and women serving in the Armed Forces. With numerous Florida servicemembers deploying overseas to Iraq, Afghanistan and other locations across the globe, DHSMV wants to equip military families with the necessary information to ensure servicemembers are road-ready when it is time to come home to the Sunshine State.

Important Facts About Your Florida Driver License

Got a blue sticker on the back of your driver license?

If your current license has a blue sticker on the back, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles encourages you to visit a driver license office before you deploy or move out-of-state to obtain a new license with a digital image. You must visit a driver license office for license renewal or replacement (see *Required Documents*), as we no longer issue blue stickers. Please visit www.flhsmv.gov to schedule an appointment at a driver license office convenient to you.

License going to expire when you're out-of-state or deployed?

If your license is scheduled to expire when you are deployed or stationed outside Florida, the Department encourages you to renew before you deploy or move. Florida drivers may renew a license up to 18 months prior to the expiration date printed on the license.

Renew online

You may renew your license by mail or online at www.GoRenew.com one time between office visits. In addition, you may order a replacement license at www.GoRenew.com at any time if your address changes or if you lose your license. If your name changes while you are deployed or out-of-state, please contact the Department via e-mail at MilitaryRenewal@flhsmv.gov or call the Customer Service Center at (850) 617-2000.

Commercial Driver License Renewals

Commercial driver licenses must have both a Florida mailing address and a residential address. Commercial Driver License cardholders with a Hazardous Material endorsement must renew the endorsement in person.

Can't renew online?

If you are not eligible to renew online, the Department can issue a military extension card that extends the expiration date of the license you currently hold until 90 days after you permanently return to Florida or are discharged from the military. You may delay the purchase of a driver license renewal by requesting this free extension card. Please contact our Customer Service Center at (850) 617-2000 or e-mail us at MilitaryRenewal@flhsmv.gov to request a renewal packet or an extension card.

Registering your Emergency Contact Information

- You can register your emergency contacts online using your driver license number or ID card number. It's easy. It's convenient. It's FREE!
- By registering your emergency contacts into the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles' Emergency Contact Information system, you provide law enforcement officials with information on who they should contact during an emergency, such as a crash. The Department houses the information in a secure database that only law enforcement officers can access.

- Even if you previously registered your contacts, we recommend that you update the registry if your contacts change or if they move or change their phone number. Not only should servicemembers make sure to register your emergency contacts, but also it's a good idea to make sure loved ones update their information too, especially during a deployment if the servicemember is the emergency contact.
- Log on to www.flhsmv.gov/eci to register your Emergency Contact Information. Enter your driver license or ID card number and follow the screen prompts.
- Anyone who has a Florida driver license or ID card can register his/her emergency contact information in the system. Children as young as five years old are eligible for a Florida ID card.

Required Documents

Be sure to bring required documents the next time you visit a driver license office:

One of the following documents to prove your identity:

- Certified U.S. birth certificate
- Valid U.S. passport or passport card
- Certificate of naturalization
- Consular report of birth abroad
- Certificate of citizenship

One of the following documents to prove your Social Security number:

- Social Security card
- W-2 form
- Pay check showing number
- SSA-1099
- Non-SSA-1099

Two of the following documents to prove your residential address:

- Deed, mortgage, payment booklet, or rental agreement
- Florida vehicle registration or title
- Utility bill or hook-up/work order, not more than two months old
- Military orders

Documents to prove legal name change (if applicable)

Original or certified copy of all marriage certificates or court orders that show your name changes. Documents must link the name on your identity document (i.e. birth certificate) to your current legal name.

Non-U.S. Citizens: Document requirements are the same for Social Security number (if issued) and residential address. For acceptable identification documents, visit www.GatherGoGet.com.

For more information to prepare you for your next trip to the driver license office, visit www.GatherGoGet.com.