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## **IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS TO CHANGE FOR DRIVER LICENSES**

*~ Changes will enhance security leading to a Safer Florida ~*

**TALLAHASSEE** - The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is announcing changes that will impact Florida drivers and Department customers beginning Oct. 1, 2008. One of the principal changes will be the identification required for driver licenses. Details are as follows:

- Customers must present proof of social security number (for example, social security card or any of the following documents showing your social security number: tax return, W-2 form, pay check, DD-214, school record).
- All passports, permanent resident cards and employment authorization cards presented as proof of identification or legal presence must be valid. Expired documents will not be accepted.
- The department will no longer accept driver licenses or identification cards issued by other states as primary identification.
- A person will be allowed to elect the school option to avoid points five times in a 10-year period instead of five times in a lifetime.
- Commercial Driver License holders who receive a Driving Under the Influence conviction on or after Oct. 1, 2008, even while driving a personal vehicle, will be disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle for one year for the first offense, and permanently disqualified for the second offense. These penalties are based on convictions dates and not offense dates.

“Upcoming changes are a result of recent statutory requirements and department efforts to increase security,” said Director of the Division of Driver Licenses Sandra Lambert. “We anticipate the benefits of enhanced identity protection will far outweigh the inconvenience of providing additional proof of identification.”

In addition to identification requirements, license fees and the length of time for which certain identification cards and motor vehicle licenses are valid are changing.

### **For U.S. Citizens and Immigrants with Permanent Legal Presence**

- Florida Class E driver licenses will be valid for eight years except for customers 80 and older.
- Commercial Driver Licenses for Class A, B, or C driver licenses will be valid for eight years except for customers 80 and older. Licenses with a hazardous materials endorsement will be valid for four years.
- All licenses for customers 80 and older will be valid for six years.

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- Identification cards for children five through 14 years of age will be valid for four years. Identification cards for customers 15 and older will be valid for eight years.

\*For details on Florida's driver license classes, visit <http://www.flhsmv.gov/ddl/dlclass.html>.

<b>Fee Changes:</b>	<b>Originals</b>	<b>Renewals</b>
• Class E	\$27	\$20
• CDL:	\$67	\$67
• ID Cards:	\$10	\$10
• Replacement Class E	\$10	Not applicable
• All Endorsements	\$7	\$7

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is charged with the mission of *providing highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement*. The department is leading the way to *a Safer Florida* by way of three major components: driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMV and the services offered, visit [www.flhsmv.gov](http://www.flhsmv.gov).

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