

## Information of interest about driver licenses and identification cards

**FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF "REAL ID" BEGINS:** The Federal REAL ID Act of 2005 sets new standards for the issuance of driver licenses and identification cards. This is a nationwide initiative effort to improve the integrity and security of State-issued driver licenses and identification cards that will be fully implemented in Florida starting **January 1, 2010.**

**Your current Florida license or ID card will continue to be valid as identification for federal purposes until it expires or until December 1, 2014 for individuals born after December 1, 1964 and until December 1, 2017 for everyone else.** Convenience methods of renewing your driver license or identification card online or by mail will continue to be available to those who qualify.

You must visit an office only:

- ***If*** you are applying for your first driver license or identification card;
- ***When*** your current credential expires and you have already used the one-time "convenience" renewal option;
- ***If*** you legally change your name (e.g.: by marriage or divorce). For office visits, you must bring original documents that prove your **identity, social security number and residential address.**

For more information, please visit [www.GatherGoGet.com](http://www.GatherGoGet.com), or [www.ReunaVengaObtenga.com](http://www.ReunaVengaObtenga.com) in Spanish, or [www.rasanblealepran.com](http://www.rasanblealepran.com) in Creole.

**GATHER GO GET:** DHSMV continues its educational campaign ***GatherGoGet*** dedicated to assist Floridians with new driver license and identification card requirements. Floridians renewing or obtaining a new license or ID are required to show proof of: 1) identification, 2) Social Security number and 3) residential address (two items).

The campaign's website is designed to help residents understand the new requirements. DHSMV encourages all Floridians to ***gather*** your documents, ***go*** to a driver license office and ***get*** your new card. The website, [www.GatherGoGet.com](http://www.GatherGoGet.com), will enable residents to:

- Determine ***when*** they will need to visit a driver license or tax collector office.
- Create a personalized checklist detailing documents they will need.
- Obtain contact information showing where to get required documents.
- Browse a list of driver license offices in their local area.

The campaign and its tools are also available in Spanish at [www.ReunaVengaObtenga.com](http://www.ReunaVengaObtenga.com) and in Creole at [www.RasanbleAlePran.com](http://www.RasanbleAlePran.com).

On January 2010, the Department will begin issuing driver licenses and identification cards that meet new federal standards. Although Florida already has one of the most secure issuance processes and credentials, these changes will enhance our efforts to minimize fraud and identity theft.

**TEEN SAFE DRIVING OUTREACH:** The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles teamed up with Ford Motor Company's Driving Skills for Life, a program that was created in 2003 in conjunction with the Governors Highway Safety Association to provide teens with the skills and experience to become better drivers. Parents were welcome to participate. The two-day event was held at the Homestead Speedway as part of the activities leading to the Ford 400 NASCAR race.

Students received hands-on advance driver's training by some of the nation's top professionals driving instructors. Participants learned techniques in the four key skill areas: speed management, space management, vehicle handling and hazard recognition. Experts have identified the lack of these skills to be the cause of approximately 60 percent of crashes for newly licensed drivers ages 16-19. Vehicle crashes are the number one killer of teens in America.

A safe driving presentation to the students by Florida Highway Patrol troopers was an integral part of the driving program. Driver license examiners were also at hand to answer questions from teens and parents and to distribute information on safe driving. Colin Braun, 20-year-old NASCAR Camping World Truck Series driver teamed up with Ford Driving Skills for Life to promote the importance of safe driving and to meet the participants at the Homestead Speedway driver training camp. For more information on teen drivers, please visit [www.flhsmv.gov/teens](http://www.flhsmv.gov/teens).

**LEARN ABOUT AGING AND DRIVING:** The majority of older drivers are good drivers. But as we age, most of us will need to take steps to ensure that we can continue to drive safely. Changes in our visual, physical and mental abilities will affect each of us in different ways. That is why the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and its partners have created "**Florida GrandDriver®**."

The goals of the **Florida GrandDriver®** program are to promote your continued driving safety, enhance your ability to get around your community when and where you want.

You can learn more about Driver Refresher Courses and other related subjects by visiting links to the following websites at [AARP](#), [AAA](#), [Florida Mature Vision Test Requirements](#), [Reporting an Unsafe Driver](#), [Tips for Safe Driving](#).

At **Florida GrandDriver®** we want to help you and your loved ones continue to "**get around safe and sound.**"

**AN APPOINTMENT WILL SAVE YOU TIME!** All customers who must visit one of our offices to renew, replace, or file a change of address to their driver license or identification card, are urged to secure an appointment prior to their visit. Connect via Internet at <http://www.flhsmv.gov/oasis> for an appointment to greatly reduce the length of the visit. Then link to the [on-line pre-application](#) and complete it before coming to one of our offices.

**OUR OFFICE SCHEDULE:** Driver license offices in Florida are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Testing guidelines, that continue to provide excellent customer service, call for the start of the last oral examination and CDL test to begin each day at 3:30 p.m. The last written examinations and driving tests begin each day at 4:30 p.m. Please check our website at [www.flhsmv.gov/offices/](http://www.flhsmv.gov/offices/) for the most up-to-date information on office locations and schedules.

**DRIVER LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARD FEES (Effective September 1, 2009)**

Class E (original and renewal)	<b>\$48.00</b>	CDL (original and renewal)	<b>\$75.00</b>
ID Card (original and renewal)	<b>\$25.00</b>	Endorsements	<b>\$ 7.00</b>
Driver License Services at Tax Collector office Service Fee			<b>\$ 6.25</b>

For a complete listing of all new motorist services fees, including the amount of the previous fee and the date of the most recent fee change, please click [here](#).

A combination of vehicle information is used to determine registration fees. They are the registration use, license plate type and class code. The class code is determined by the vehicle weight, body type, vehicle type and registration use. To see a sample, click [here](#).

For a list of frequently asked questions and answers regarding Florida's new fees, click [here](#).

***Happy Holidays from all of us at DHSMV.  
Buckle Up Every Time, Everyone!***