

## FAQs

### **EFFECTIVE DATES:**

Effective March 19, 2020, BMV Deputy Registrar license agencies and Driver Examination services will be closed until further notice.

### **WHAT IF MY DRIVER LICENSE EXPIRES?**

We are working on extending driver license expiration dates. Law enforcement has discretion to adjust enforcement and are asked to give consideration to a driver whose license expired and may have been unable to renew due to agency closure or self-quarantine situation.

### **CAN I FLY IF MY DRIVER LICENSE IS EXPIRED?**

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) states: "Travelers with a state driver's license that expired beginning on March 1, 2020, and who are not able to renew at their state driver's license agency may still use it as acceptable identification at the checkpoint. TSA will accepted expired driver's licenses a year after the expiration date, plus 60 days after the duration of the COVID-19 national emergency." We have joined other states in requesting a formal extension of the REAL ID deadline of Oct. 1, 2020. Please see TSA's [website](#) for further information.

### **CAN I USE AN EXPIRED DRIVER LICENSE/IDENTIFICATION CARD TO OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT, RENT A CAR, OR CONDUCT OTHER BUSINESS?**

It is at the discretion of the banking institutions, rental car agencies, or other businesses to accept or not to accept an expired driver license or identification card.

### **HOW CAN MY CHILD GET THEIR TEMPORARY DRIVER LICENSE PACKET?**

Until further notice, all driver license services have been suspended. Your child can go online and study the [Digest of Motor Vehicle Laws](#) to prepare for the knowledge test once services have been restored.

### **WHAT IF I HAVE ALREADY SCHEDULED MY DRIVING TEST?**

All driving services are suspended until further notice. If you currently have a test scheduled, you will be notified of the cancellation.

### **WHAT ABOUT MY COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE (CDL)?**

Five Deputy Registrar and Driver Examination stations will be open for CDL services *only*, which include CDL Renewal, TIPIC, HAZMAT endorsement, knowledge testing, and IRP services if available. Those locations will be determined at a later date.

### **HOW CAN I RENEW MY VEHICLE REGISTRATION?**

Vehicle Registration renewals can be done online at [www.oplates.com](http://www.oplates.com), or by mail with your BMV vehicle registration renewal notice.

### **WHAT ABOUT SALVAGE INSPECTIONS?**

All Ohio State Highway Patrol Vehicle Inspection locations will be closed effective immediately until further notice. All inspection appointments have been canceled through March 27, 2020. Customers should verify their inspection appointment has not been canceled 48 hours prior to arrival for any appointment after March 30, 2020. Once operations have resumed, those with cancelled appointments will be contacted via phone or email so they may reschedule their appointment. For more information, please call 844-610-0010.

### **WHAT ABOUT SCHOOL BUS INSPECTIONS?**

All Ohio State Highway Patrol Motor Vehicle Inspection teams have suspended school bus inspections but may resume March 23, 2020. MVI teams will be contacting Transportation Directors via phone or email so they may reschedule inspection activity. The Patrol will work with those school administrators that wish to continue with school bus inspections during the extended spring break. For more information, please call 844-610-0010.

### **WHAT ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION PLAN (IRP)?**

All International Registration Plan (IRP) jurisdictions and enforcement personnel should refrain from taking enforcement action on vehicles bearing Ohio IRP Vehicle Registrations (IRP Cab Card or IRP Temporary Authorization Authority [TA]) that have expiration dates on or after March 18, 2020. Ohio IRP Registrants affected by these events were provided a letter of extension with a copy of their expired Ohio IRP Registration for presentation to any authority asking for proof of vehicle registration during this period of extension. This extension shall remain in effect for the duration of

the declared emergency or until further notice, whichever comes first. Enforcement personnel should contact the Ohio BMV-IRP Unit before taking any enforcement action (such as citation, tickets, or permits) to validate a vehicle. The Ohio BMV-IRP Unit may be reached Monday thru Friday, 8:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. EDT by phone at 800-IRP-0007 or 614-777-8400, or by email at [OHIRP@dps.ohio.gov](mailto:OHIRP@dps.ohio.gov).

## **QUESTIONS?**

Please visit [www.bmv.ohio.gov](http://www.bmv.ohio.gov) or call the BMV at 844-644-6268.

For additional information on COVID-19, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://coronavirus.ohio.gov).

For answers to your COVID-19 questions, call 1-833-4ASKODH (1-833-427-5634).

*If you or a loved one are experiencing anxiety related to the coronavirus pandemic, help is available. Call the Disaster Distress Helpline at 1.800.985.5990 (1.800.846.8517 TTY), connect with a trained counselor through the Ohio Crisis Text Line – text the keyword “4HOPE” to 741 741, or call the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services help line at 1.877.275.6364 to find resources in your community.*