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Vehicle licence plate stickers and temporary driver's licences extended during COVID-19

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Expiration dates for driver's licence stickers, temporary driver's licences and some health cards are just a few of the services being extended by the provincial government to help limit the spread of COVID-19.

Any of these licences that expired March 1 or later will continue to remain valid and legal past the expiry date, according to the province's website. The provincial government is asking Ontario residents not to visit a ServiceOntario centre, unless it is absolutely necessary.

Driver's licences can be renewed online at www.ontario.ca/page/renew-expired-drivers-licence. Some health cards have an extended expiry date until further notice. The province will notify people when they should renew.

New vehicles and vehicles that don't have licence plates are the exception and would continue to require a visit to ServiceOntario. Some ServiceOntario locations are closed and others are operating with reduced hours. To find out which location are open visit www.ontario.ca/locations/serviceontario.

The full list of provincial documents that are being extended are:

driving instructor (DI) licence and driving schools, Ontario Photo Card (OPC)

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- extending the Enhanced Driver's Licence (EDL) expiration date for driving purposes only. The expired EDL will not be valid as a travel document
- extending rules governing Conduct Review Program timelines
- extending driver training programs time limitations
- extending over one-year and under three-year provisions for driver's licences

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- extending licence plate sticker validation including International Registration Plan (IRP)
- extending 10-day special permits and temporary validation
- extending the requirement to register a vehicle (including snow vehicles) within six days.
- extending the requirement to change address or vehicle modification within six days
- extending the Safety Standards Certificate and Structural Inspection Certificate
- extending International Registration Plan (IRP) Cab Cards
- extending the Commercial Vehicle Operator's Registration (CVOR), annual oversize/overweight permits and semi-annual and annual vehicle inspections
- amending effective date for mandatory electronic emission test for heavy diesel commercial vehicles from July 1, 2020 to Oct 1, 2020
- extending expiration dates for receipts from online renewals beyond 14 days
- If you are required to submit a medical or vision report to the Ministry of Transportation, the province is extending your due date by 60 days or more.

Where possible, the province is encouraging people to use the ministry's online services. Visit www.ontario.ca/page/serviceontario.

People who don't have online access can call 416-326-1234.

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