

If you are among the 17 per cent of Ontarians who have deferred renewing, you now have until February 28, 2022 to bring most provincial documents up to date.

You will also be responsible for paying any deferred fees when you renew. For example, if you are renewing in 2021 a sticker that expired in 2020, you will be charged for both 2020 and 2021 — a \$240 fee in southern Ontario.

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When the pandemic hit in March 2020, the government paused the requirement to renew these products when ServiceOntario centres were closed to the public. For some products like licence plate stickers, Ontarians could still renew them online but were not required to do so.

The government continued the pause on renewals over the past 18 months, even after ServiceOntario centres reopened, to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Any government-issued products that expired on or after March 1, 2020 remained valid.

That ends on February 28, 2022, when most products must be renewed. However, some products must be renewed earlier and some can be renewed later. The government has waived some normal requirements so that renewals can be done online. Products will be mailed directly with an ability to print proof of renewal.

Here's a list of renewal requirements:

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Driver's licences

Drivers under the age of 80 (class G/M) whose licences expired after March 1, 2020 must renew them by February 28, 2022. However, drivers won't be required to update their licence photo as part of the renewal.

Senior drivers 80 years and older (class G/M) whose licences expired after March 1, 2020 must renew them by February 28, 2022. However, they will not have to attend a senior driver's group education session program or visit a ServiceOntario centre in person to renew their licences.

Novice drivers (class G1, G2, M1, or M2) with licences expiring between March 1, 2020 and December 31, 2022 have until December 31, 2022 to complete testing to maintain or upgrade their licence. They also have until December 31, 2022 to complete a beginner driver education course if they enrolled in one during the pandemic.

Commercial drivers (class A, B, C, D, E and F) whose licences expired after March 1, 2020 must renew them by February 28, 2022.