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DMV EXTENDS EXPIRING COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES THROUGH MAY

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Sacramento – The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is announcing a new round of extensions for commercial driver's licenses expiring through May 31, 2021. This extension will allow commercial drivers to focus on delivering essential products and supplies during the COVID-19 emergency.

Following updated guidance from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, the DMV is extending all commercial driver's licenses, learner's permits and endorsements that expire between March 2020 and May 31, 2021. A previous extension had been set to expire at the end of February. The DMV has alerted California law enforcement of the new extensions.

While the extensions are automatic, eligible commercial drivers will not receive a new card or an extension in the mail.

Also in line with federal guidance, commercial drivers whose medical certification expires between December 1, 2020 and May 31, 2021, have an extension to May 31, 2021, to update the certificate. The DMV offers medical certification updates to be submitted online [/portal/dmv-virtual-office/medical-examination-report/].

Summary of California driver's license extensions

In addition to extensions, the DMV continues to expand its online services for California's commercial drivers at DMV.ca.gov [] – including commercial driver's license renewals [/portal/dmv-virtual-office/commercial-driver-license-renewal/]. Customers can also renew their motor carrier permit online [/portal/vehicle-industry-services/motor-carrier-services-mcs/motor-carrier-permits/motor-carrier-permit-application/] – streamlining the process to shorten the time thousands of California businesses must wait to receive their new permits, which are required for numerous transportation and commercial activities in the state.

License type	Expiration month	Status
Commercial (all types, all ages) **Commercial medical certificates**	March 2020-May 2021 December 2020-May 2021	Extended to May 31, 2021
Noncommercial (all ages)	Beginning March 2020	Expanded eligibility to renew online [/portal/driver-licenses-identification-cards/driver-license-id-card-online-renewal/] or by mail for licenses expiring during the emergency

Learner's permits (noncommercial)	March 2020-May 2021	Extended six months or to a date 24 months from the date of application

While DMV offices remain open to serve the public, the DMV continues to encourage all customers to use its online services [/portal/dmv-online/], expanded virtual services and other service channels to complete transactions, including eligible driver's license and vehicle registration renewals. Nearly all Californians can now renew their driver's license online [/portal/driver-licenses-identification-cards/driver-license-id-card-online-renewal/] – even if the renewal notice states an office visit is required. Customers can use the Service Advisor [/portal/make-an-appointment/service-advisor/] on the DMV website to learn their options to complete DMV tasks.

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