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DMV EXTENDS LEARNER'S PERMITS EXPIRING THROUGH NOVEMBER

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Sacramento – The California Department of Motor Vehicles is extending driver's license permits with an expiration date through November 30, 2020, to give student drivers more time to prepare for and schedule their behind-the-wheel drive test during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligible permits are extended six months or to a date 24 months from the date of application, whichever is earlier. The DMV previously extended permits expiring between March 1 and August 31, 2020. The DMV has alerted law enforcement of the extensions, which require no individual action on the part of drivers.

The DMV resumed behind-the-wheel drive tests [/portal/news-and-media/dmv-resumes-behind-the-wheel-drive-tests-with-new-protocols-on-friday/] with new health and safety protocols on June 26 and has rescheduled all appointments that had been canceled. The DMV has begun offering appointments for new behind-the-wheel tests at certain offices, but it will take some time to clear the testing backlog. Commercial learner's permits expiring between March and September have been extended through September 30, 2020, to align with federal guidelines.

Summary of California driver's license extensions

	Expiration month	Status
Learner's permits (noncommercial)	March-November 2020	Extended six months or to a date 24 months from the date of application
Age 69 & younger (noncommercial)	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
Age 70 & older (noncommercial)	March-December 2020	Extended one year from original expiration date
Commercial (all types, all ages)	March-September 2020	Extended to September 30, 2020

DMV field office employees are assisting customers with appointments at the specific office or as time and space permit. The DMV continues to recommend that customers use its online services, expanded virtual services and other service channels to complete transactions, including eligible

driver's license and vehicle registration renewals. 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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