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NEW OHIO DRIVER LICENSE AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Beginning approximately April 2009, the BMV will begin issuing a new format for state driver license (DL) and identification (ID) cards in specific regions on a pilot basis. The pilot will occur at select agencies in the following cities: Columbus, Cleveland and Toledo. **After a successful pilot, full statewide implementation will begin on approximately May 11, 2009.** The full implementation will be phased in around the state between May and July 2009.

Because of the pilot, the phased approach to full implementation and varying times at which customers DLs or IDs expire, various establishments, grocery stores, convenience stores, law enforcement and security around the state will begin to see the new DL's and ID's around the state in April.

Individuals holding a DL or ID printed in the old formats are still valid until the DL or ID is expired. Customers are not required to obtain a replacement DL or ID if they have the old format. Anyone with questions regarding the new format should contact the Ohio BMV at: 614-752-7500.

The new format is significantly different in appearance and includes additional security features. Changes include:

- The color and design have changed significantly including the addition of a state of Ohio outline logo which will indicate the type of card (ie: driver license; commercial driver license; temporary instruction permit and/or identification card).
- The main photo will now appear in the top left-hand corner and the ghost image will appear on the right side of the card.
- The individual's information lines are now numbered to assist law enforcement.
- There is no longer a "table of contents" on the back of the DL or ID with the entire list of driving restrictions; only restrictions applying to the individual are listed and will be abbreviated. If the individual has no driving restrictions, no restrictions will be listed on the back of the DL. This change was part of the initial changes to the DL, which were implemented in November 2008.
- The magnetic strip will now identify males or females with a designation of 1 or 2 respectively (this change will take effect statewide on April 6, 2009).

Mission Statement

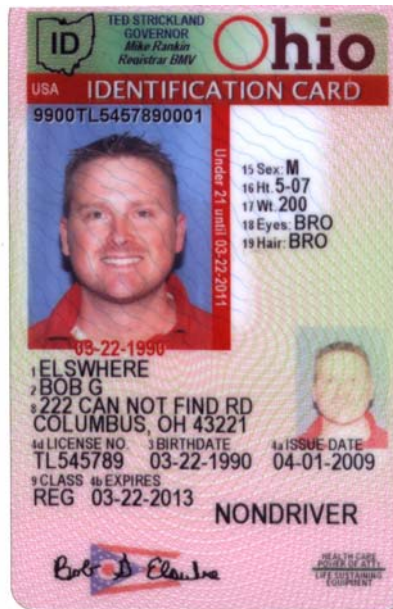
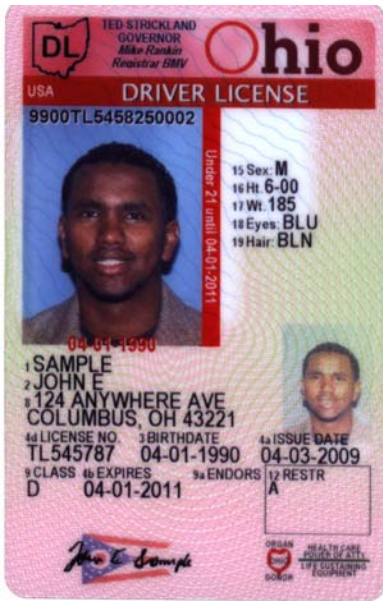
"to save lives, reduce injuries and economic loss, to administer Ohio's motor vehicle laws and to preserve the safety and well being of all citizens with the most cost-effective and service-oriented methods available."

Examples of New DL and ID:

Driver License:



Temporary Instruction Permit, DL or ID for those under the age of 21 also still remain in the vertical layout.



State Identification Card

