



RESPONSES TO COVID-19:

AGENCY OVERVIEWS, UPDATES, AND CHANGES IN SERVICE

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DRIVER SERVICES

The Department of Justice's Motor Vehicle Division and many County Treasurers' Offices are altering general operations to maintain customer service, while implementing social distancing. However, the division and related county offices remain open for business.

At the request of Attorney General Fox, and under a directive from Governor Bullock, Montanans with driver licenses that expire in March, April and May can delay renewing those licenses for 90 days. Commercial Driver Licenses (CDLs) are included in the order. Driving records will report these licenses as valid in the system, but the physical card will show expired.

Medical Examiner's Certificate (MEC) expirations also are extended. MVD will not downgrade an MEC during this time, if someone is unable to get into a doctor to obtain a current certificate. Please email MVD at MVDcovid19@mt.gov with questions.

Certain requirements for online driver license renewals are also suspended. Montanans who need to renew a driver's license may self-certify their ability to drive instead of requiring forms signed by medical and vision professionals. Online and mail-in renewals are valid for a maximum of two years and will be offered for the duration of the declared state-of-emergency.

Driving tests are suspended through April 18. Exam stations remain open, however, and MVD asks Montanans to use the online or mail-in renewal option if able. Additional options are available [online](#) for mail-in renewals.

Keep up-to-date with updates in service at:
<https://dojmt.gov/driving/mvd-service-updates/>

VEHICLE SERVICES

Dealerships are granted a 90-day extension to submit paperwork to county offices, and vehicle owners also have a 90-day extension to title and register vehicles transferred after March 16, 2020.

Under the governor's directive, renewals also may be completed online up to 30 days past the month shown on the vehicle's registration tab. MVD reminds Montanans that renewals can be handled online and in the mail. The DOJ provides information on how to do so [online](#).

The state Motor Vehicle Division also is limiting the number of people in its waiting areas to help address social distancing concerns. Customers who enter a full waiting area can give their phone number to the staff and ask to be called when it is their turn for service.

While the Vehicle Services Bureau regulates the titling and registration of motor vehicles, a motor vehicle cannot be titled in Montana without also being registered—the two processes occur simultaneously. And registration takes place at your local county treasurer’s office. For some titling needs, some county offices are equipped with webcams, and you can check to see if the waiting area is full. In some counties, you also can call the Treasurer's Office and schedule an appointment for certain services. MVD compiled information, by county, on special conditions related to services. An overview of all 56 counties is available [here](#).

REAL ID

Finally, on March 26 President Trump announced that the October 1, 2020, REAL ID enforcement date is being postponed due to COVID-19. With the announcement, Montanans are not required to get a Montana REAL ID compliant license or ID. However, a Montana REAL ID compliant license or ID or another acceptable form of identification will be required to fly domestically and to access federal facilities by October 2021.

For more information on REAL ID, click [here](#).