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TO: All Enforcement Agencies and Magistrates

SUBJECT: Redesigned New York State Driver Licenses, Permits and Non-Driver Identification Cards

Beginning July 26, 2013, the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles will start phasing in production of a new polycarbonate photo driver license, learner permit and non-driver ID card (NYS DL/ID). As production of the new documents is gradually phased in, the previous style Teslin-base NYS DL/ID will continue to be issued through late September or early October. We will publish a subsequent memo announcing the last date the Teslin DL/ID documents are issued. This means that you will see two valid versions of the documents for the next eight years.

## Design and Format Changes

The redesigned polycarbonate NYS DL/ID will look and feel different from the current Teslin NYS DL/ID. Key features of the redesigned NYS DL/ID include:

- a rigid polycarbonate substrate, instead of pliable Teslin,
- no security laminate,
- laser-engraved personalized data in black font,
- a grayscale laser-engraved primary photo,
- a small secondary laser-engraved photo in a clear window,
- tactile (raised) features for the client ID number (CID), date of birth, date of expiration and signature,
- the Organ Donor heart symbol in black,
- documents in vertical format for persons under age 21,
- an encrypted portion of the 2D barcode.

Samples of the newly designed license are attached. For additional information, please contact the DMV Division of Field Investigation at 518-474-1106.

#### Text Changes

Along with the new design of the document, descriptions that appear on the back of the document for some restrictions will be truncated to save space. A table outlining the changes appears below:

<b>Restriction Code</b>	<b>Current Description</b>	<b>Truncated Description</b>
5	NO LIMITED ACCESS ROADS	NO LMTD ACCESS ROADS
7	TEMPORARY VISITOR	TEMP VISITOR
A3	SCHL BUS/MUNICIPAL VEH ONLY	SCHL BUS/MUNI VEH ONLY
E	AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION	AUTO TRANS
F	HRG AID/FULL VIEW MIRROR	HRG AID/FULL VIEW MIR
H	LIMITED TO EMPLOYMENT	LMTD TO EMPLOYMENT
I	LIMITED USE AUTO-MAX 40 MPH	LMTD USE AUTO-MAX 40 MPH
I1	LIMITED USE MOTORCYCLE-MAX 40 MPH	LMTD USE MCYCLE-MAX 40 MPH
I2	LIMITED USE MOTORCYCLE-MAX 30 MPH	LMTD USE MCYCLE-MAX 30 MPH
I3	LIMITED USE MOTORCYCLE-MAX 20 MPH	LMTD USE MCYCLE-MAX 20 MPH
I4	THREE WHEEL MOTORCYCLE	THREE WHEEL MCYCLE
L	NOT VALID FOR AIR BRAKES	NOT VALID FOR AIR BR
L1	NOT VALID FOR CLASS A AIR BR	NOT VALID FOR CL A AIR BR
L2	NOT VALID FOR CLASS B AIR BR	NOT VALID FOR CL B AIR BR
M	PASSENGER RESTR TO CLASS B	PASS RESTR TO CL B
N	PASSENGER RESTR TO CLASS C	PASS RESTR TO CL C
O	TRUCK/TRAILER COMB ONLY	TRUCK/TRLR COMB ONLY
O1	TRUCK/TRAILER TO 26,000 LBS	TRUCK/TRLR TO 26,000 LBS
O2	TRUCK/TRAILER TO 18,000 LBS	TRUCK/TRLR TO 18,000 LBS
R	BUILT UP SEAT/PEDALS/SHOES	BLT UP SEAT/PEDALS/SHOES
U	HAND OPERATED BRAKE	HAND OPERATED BR
V1	FOOT OPERATED PARKING BRAKE	FOOT OPERATED PRKNG BR
W	NO VEHICLE OVER 18,000 LBS	NO VEH OVER 18,000 LBS

Please share this information with appropriate staff, including all road patrol enforcement.

Thank you.

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Attachment

Sample Documents



Over 21



Under 21