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TO: NYS Banking Department, NYS Lottery, State Liquor Authority,
NYS Insurance Companies, Nationwide Motor Vehicle Offices,
NYS Board of Elections, NYS Department of Criminal Justice Services

SUBJECT: Changes to the New York State Driver Licenses and Non-Driver Identification Cards

Effective July 16, 2008, the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (NYSDMV) will begin issuing a newly formatted Driver License and Non-Driver Identification Card. This new document format will allow for additional space to print the document holder's complete name. A copy of the new driver license is attached for your reference.

This new format will commence with those applicants applying for NYS driver licenses and non-driver ID cards for the first time, such as applicants for a permit and applicants that are requesting reciprocity from another state. In addition, current driver license and non-driver ID card holders may apply to amend their document if their name has been truncated due to space limitations and they request a document more representative of their name.

Barcode specifications have also been attached to this memo. There are several new features on the photo document:

1. The name will now be printed on two lines, each up to 25 characters. The first line will print the last name (up to 25 characters); the second line will print the first, middle and suffix (up to 25 characters). This change will also be reflected on the NYS abstract.
2. There will be a comma between the first and middle names.
3. The 1-D Barcode will be removed from the back of the document.
4. The 2-D Barcode will print on the top of the back side of the document with a blank space under the barcode.
5. The 2–D Barcode will contain the current 20 character name and the new expanded name.

6. The document number is expanding from the current (8) numbers to a unique (10) character alpha-numeric format number.
7. Customers who have consented to the Organ Donor Registry will have a red heart with the words 'ORGAN DONOR' on the front side of the document under the license class.

There are also changes to the interim document (form MV-1B):

1. The Motorist Identification Number (19 character number) will be removed.
2. The name will be printed on two lines (same as the photo document).

It will take up to 10 years to replace all existing license/ID documents. Once replaced, all customers will have their name printed on two lines of the document. In the meantime, both the current design and the new design will be acceptable for driving privileges and identification purposes.   The NYSPIN, TSLED, and Traffic Violations Bureau systems will be updated at a later time. The current name format will continue to be displayed on these systems.
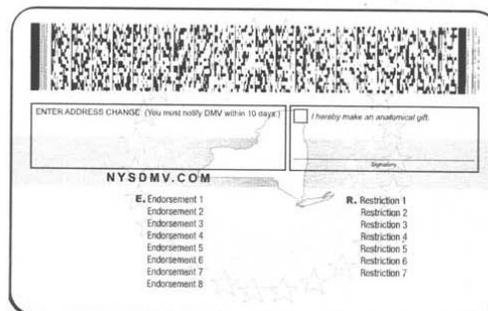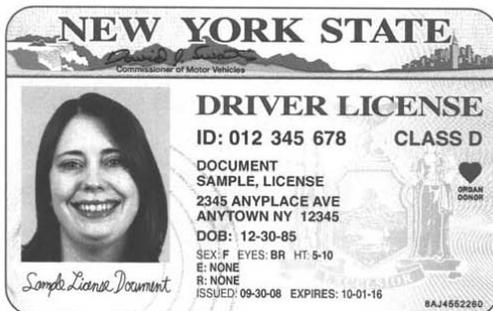
Note:

- The Client ID Number will not change.
- There will be no changes to the name on the registration document.

Please share this information with your staff.

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Attachments

2D barcode

A PDF 417 2D barcode will be printed on the back of both standard and enhanced licenses.

The barcode content will conform to the current AAMVA specification:

DL/ID Card Design Specification Ver 2.0 March 2005.

The length of the barcode will be increased to 325 bytes.

The barcode content is detailed in the following table:

Field	Length	Byte position	Value
Compliance Indicator	1	1	'@'
Line Feed	1	2	0x0A
Record Separator	1	3	0x1E
Segment Terminator	1	4	0x0D
File Type	5	5-9	"ANSI "
Jurisdiction Code	6	10-15	"636001"
AAMVA Version	2	16-17	"03"
NY Version	2	18-19	"00"
Sub Files	2	20-21	"02"
Sub File Header	10	22-31	"DL00410258"
Sub File Header	10	32-41	"ZN03000026"
Sub File ID	2	42-43	"DL"
Document Class Header	3	44-46	"DCA"
Document Class Field	4	47-50	Document Class
Line Feed	1	51	0x0A
Restriction Header	3	52-54	"DCB"
Restriction Field	10	55-64	Restrictions
Line Feed	1	65	0x0A
Endorsement Header	3	66-68	"DCD"
Endorsement Field	6	69-74	Endorsements
Line Feed	1	75	0x0A
Date of Expiry Header	3	76-78	"DBA"
Date of Expiry Field	8	79-86	Date of Expiry in the format mmddccyy
Line Feed	1	87	0x0A
Name-First Identifier header	3	88-90	"DCS"
Name- first identifier	25	91-115	
Line feed	1	116	0x0A
Name-second identifier Header	3	117-119	"DCT"
Name-Second identifier	25	120-144	
Line Feed	1	145	0x0A
Date of Issue Header	3	146-148	"DBD"
Date of Issue Field	8	149-156	Date of issue in the format mmddccyy.
Line Feed	1	157	0x0A

Field	Length	Byte position	Value
Date of Birth Header	3	158-160	"DBB"
Date of Birth Field	8	161-168	Date of birth in the format mmddccyy.
Line Feed	1	169	0x0A
Gender Header	3	170-172	"DBC"
Gender Field	1	173	Gender Code. 0 = Unknown, 1 = Male, 2 = Female, 9 = Other.
Line Feed	1	174	0x0A
Eye Color Header	3	175-177	"DAY"
Eye Color Field	3	178-180	Eye color.
Line Feed	1	181	0x0A
Height Header	3	182-184	"DAU"
Height Field	6	185-190	Format will remain unchanged with spaces added as padding, e.g.: 6ft 2 inches will be '602　'
Line Feed	1	191	0x0A
Street Header	3	192-194	"DAG"
Street Field	25	195-219	Address Street Information.
Line Feed	1	220	0x0A
City Header	3	221-223	"DAI"
City Field	20	224-243	Address City Information.
Line Feed	1	244	0x0A
State Header	3	245-247	"DAJ"
State Field	2	248-249	"NY"
Line Feed	1	250	0x0A
Zip Code Header	3	251-253	"DAK"
Zip Code Field	11	254-264	Address Zip Code Information.
Line Feed	1	265	0x0A
Client ID Header	3	266-268	"DAQ"
Client ID Field	9	269-277	License Number.
Line Feed	1	278	0x0A
Document Number Header	3	279-281	"DCF"
Document Number	10	282-291	Unique Document Number.
Line Feed	1	292	0x0A
Country Header	3	293-295	"DCG"
Country	3	296-298	Country of Issuance =USA.
Segment Terminator	1	299	0x0D
Subfile ID	2	300-301	"ZN"
Name Header	3	302-304	"ZNA"
Name Field	20	305-324	Name Field with commas translated to '@'
Segment Terminator	1	325	0x0D