



WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT BECOMING AN ORGAN, EYE AND TISSUE DONOR

DONATION

- ◆ You must be 16 years of age or older to enroll in the New York State Donate LifeSM Registry. If you are 16 or 17 years of age, parents or legal guardians may change your decision upon your death. Upon reaching the age of 18, your enrollment shall be regarded as consent to donate.
- ◆ Your decision to donate will not affect your medical treatment while you are alive. Donation is not considered until death has occurred or is imminent.
- ◆ The organs, eyes and tissues you donate will go to patients in the greatest need. As many as 8 lives can be saved by a single donor.
- ◆ There is no cost to the donor's family.

THE ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR REGISTRY

- ◆ Donate Life NYS maintains New York State's organ, eye and tissue donor registry for the NYS Department of Health.
- ◆ The NYS Donate LifeSM Registry includes the names of people who legally consented to donate their organs, eyes, and/or tissues upon their death. You can enroll in the Registry through NYS Donate LifeSM Registry, DMV, the New York State Department of Health (when enrolling for Health Insurance), the Board of Elections, and the New York State of Health Marketplace.
- ◆ After you enroll in the NYS Donate LifeSM Registry, you will receive an email or letter that confirms your enrollment and provides you with information about how to limit your donation and other important information. Upon your death, permission of your family and next of kin is not needed for the donation process to proceed.
- ◆ You can remove your name from the Registry at any time. To get information and instructions about how to remove your name, visit DonateLife.ny.gov or call 1-866-NY-DONOR.

For more information about organ, eye and tissue donation and how to enroll in the NYS Donate LifeSM Registry, visit DonateLife.ny.gov, Health.ny.gov or call 1-866-693-6667. You can also get information about donation and enrollment from your local organization, listed below:

- Center for Donation & Transplant (Albany area) 1-(800)-256-7811
- Unyts (Buffalo area) 1-(800)-227-4771
- Finger Lakes Donor Recovery Network (Rochester/Syracuse area) 1-(800)-810-5494
- LiveOnNY (Metropolitan New York City area and Long Island) 1-(800)-GIFT-4-NY (1-800-443-8469)

ENROLLING THROUGH DMV

You do not need a driver license, permit, or non-driver identification (ID) card to enroll in the NYS Donate LifeSM Registry. If you do not have one of those documents and you want to enroll in the Registry, complete the New York State Organ and Tissue Donation section of form MV-44. Mark the "Yes" box, sign your name on the Donor Consent Signature line and write the date.

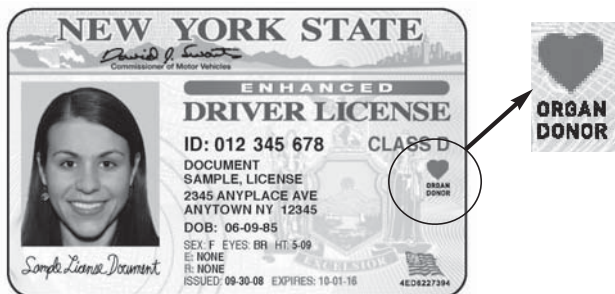
If you have a driver license, permit, or non-driver ID card, you can create a [MyDMV account](#) on the DMV web site and enroll in the NYS Donate LifeSM Registry online. If you use this method to enroll and you want a new document with the organ donor symbol (a red heart symbol and the words ORGAN DONOR) printed on the front, you must request that change.

If you enroll in the Registry during a license, permit or non-driver ID transaction and you want your document to have the organ donor symbol printed on the front, you do not pay an additional fee for that change. If you want the organ donor symbol removed from your document and you ask DMV to do that during a license, permit, or non-driver ID transaction, you do not pay an additional fee for that change. You can do a separate transaction to add or remove the organ donor symbol on your document - to get a replacement document with or without the symbol, you must visit a DMV office and pay the \$17.50 replacement document fee.

Your name is not removed from the NYS Donate LifeSM Registry during the process to remove the organ donor symbol from your DMV document. You must contact the New York State Department of Health to remove your name from the Registry.

License samples:

Prior to 2013:



After 2013:



Please note: If you enrolled to become a donor through DMV before July 22, 2008, the "ORGAN DONOR" on your DMV photo document indicates **intent** not **consent**. To **consent** to be a donor, you must re-enroll in the NYS Donate LifeSM Registry.