

# What you need to know about the new Oregon driver licenses and ID cards

Businesses that ask customers and clients for identification are beginning to see changes in driver licenses, instruction permits and ID cards issued by the DMV. Customers occasionally will present paper interim cards, which they must carry until they receive their permanent plastic card within five to 10 days.

## What do the new permanent cards look like?

The centrally issued permanent cards have a slightly different look and feel from the over-the-counter plastic card previously issued by the DMV.



Rainbow printing goes to edge of cards

The new permanent card feels thinner and more flexible because it is printed on a more durable, tear-resistant plastic. The text and colors are clearer and more vibrant, and the rainbow colors on the side, as well as the clear plastic laminate coating the entire card, extend to the edge of the card.

The one-dimensional bar codes (those with vertical lines) on the permanent and interim cards also will change under the central issuance process. Businesses that scan the new barcodes may get a false reading that a card is invalid. Those businesses may need to check with their software provider for an update. The two-dimensional barcodes (checkered appearance) are not changing.

## What does the interim card look like?

The interim card, shown below, looks like a black-and-white copy of the permanent license, permit or ID card. It is printed on plain paper and has all the same data as the permanent card, including the barcode. Its only security feature is that attempts to photocopy it will produce the word "VOID" on copies.



**Is the interim card a valid form of ID?**

Yes, the ID's are acceptable as stand-alone identification, as it matches the criteria of official ID. However, it is up to the business if they want to accept it without some other form of ID. Be sure to double check the expiration date - if it's expired it's not acceptable.

**What is the purpose of the interim card?**

The interim card is intended only as proof that the person has qualified at DMV to obtain, replace or renew a driver license, instruction permit or ID card. Oregon law requires drivers to carry their licenses at all times they are driving, so the interim card will allow them to drive while they wait for their permanent card.

**How long is the interim card valid?**

Although DMV customers typically will get their cards in five to 10 business days, the interim card will be valid for up to 30 days.

**Why is the Oregon DMV issuing the interim cards?**

This is part of Senate Bill (SB) 640 that was passed by the 2005 Oregon Legislature. The law is designed to prevent someone from obtaining a driver license or ID card under a false name. By July 2008, all photos taken each day will be run through a facial recognition process.

DMV no longer issues the plastic driver license, driver permit, and ID cards over-the-counter – instead issuing the interim paper version. The plastic or permanent card will be mailed from a separate, centralized location.

**For more information:**

For OLCC-related questions, please contact your local OLCC office.

For more details on the new permanent and interim cards, please visit DMV's website:

[www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/news/nr\\_real\\_id\\_sb\\_640.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/news/nr_real_id_sb_640.shtml).



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