

## **NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

News release: Wisconsin drivers can now renew licenses online

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on a news release promoting Wisconsin DMV driver license online renewal [Wis. Stat 343], a proposed guidance document.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION**

Comments may be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 21 days by:

Department's website:

<https://trust.dot.state.wi.us/act369/?id=OPA663&uri=file:W/RELEASES/REL20/DMV/5-15-20-Renew-DL-online.docx&division=OPA>

Mailing written comments to:

Office of Public Affairs  
Wisconsin Department of Transportation  
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Madison, WI 53707-7910

### **WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

The final version of this guidance document will be posted at [wisconsindot.gov](https://wisconsindot.gov) to allow for ongoing comment.

### **AGENCY CONTACT**

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## Wisconsin drivers can now renew their licenses online

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation last week announced a pilot program that allows drivers to renew their licenses online and skip a trip to the DMV.

Drivers are eligible if they:

- Are between ages 18 and 64
- Have NOT had a change in their ability to safely operate a vehicle

“We are pleased to offer online renewal as an option,” DMV Administrator Kristina Boardman said. “It is a safe, convenient way to conduct an important task, which normally required an in-person visit. We encourage all eligible drivers to complete the license renewal online.”

The new online renewal program will help the 80,000 people whose licenses expired since the start of the pandemic. And, renewing online is also available to everyone within one year of their renewal date.

Beginning March 12, DMV offered extensions to licenses that expired during the public health emergency. These extensions will expire July 25, 2020. DMV will continue to offer extensions for anyone age 60 and older to protect their safety during this pandemic.

Drivers who renew online ([wisconsindmv.gov/renewDL](http://wisconsindmv.gov/renewDL)) will receive a confirmation email that they can immediately print and use until their new card arrives by mail within 10 days. The \$34 renewal fee remains the same.

The online driver license renewal pilot program will help alleviate the backlog of licenses that expired since the beginning of the pandemic. Most other state DMVs offer a similar online renewal program. When someone renews online, they must renew in person the next time their license expires.

To obtain more information about the online renewal program and eligibility, visit:

- [www.wisconsindmv.gov](http://www.wisconsindmv.gov)
- [Facebook Live](#)
- [YouTube](#)
- WisDOT’s “[Transportation Connects Us](#)” podcast

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