

## **NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

### **License Plate Renewal Options**

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment License Plate Renewal Options s. 341, a proposed guidance document.

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

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

1. Department's website: <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/dmv/vehicles/rnew-plts/plate-renewal-opt.aspx>

2. Mailing written comments to:  
Division of Motor Vehicles  
Wisconsin Department of Transportation  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
PO Box 7336  
Madison, WI 53707-7336

### **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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# License plate renewal options

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The Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) sends license plate renewal notices at least one month before the current license plate expiration date. Automobile license plates expire one full year (365 days) from the first date of operation. The actual expiration date may be any day of the month and not necessarily the last day of the month. If needed, see [lost renewal notice](#).

A [late fee](#) is due for auto, light truck, motorcycle and moped renewals received by DMV after the date of expiration. You may legally operate your vehicle on Wisconsin public roads once you submit the renewal fee.

Use the [License plate search](#) to:

- Check when your plate expires.
- Check to see if an [emissions test](#) is required for the vehicle.

- Check whether your plate is suspended or valid.

In addition to the regular annual registration fee paid for a vehicle, all vehicles with automobile registration or truck registration at 8,000 lbs. or less (except dual purpose farm registration) may be subject to:

- [Wheel tax](#), based on where the vehicle is customarily kept
- \$100 [electric vehicle surcharge](#)

## Options or renewing vehicle registrations

### Online renewal:

You may renew [online](#) using a MasterCard, Visa, American Express, Discover credit or debit card and ACH (Automated Clearing House) from your checking or savings account. Your credit or debit card will be charged a [convenience fee](#) for this service. There is no convenience fee charged for ACH payment. We will mail a new license plate sticker and Certificate of Vehicle Registration within 7-10 business days.

### Go paperless:

If you are eligible to renew your license plates online, you may also be eligible to receive renewal notices by email instead of receiving paper notices. See [eNotify](#) for more information.

### Mail:

Mail the renewal notice and fee to the address shown on the notice. You will receive a new plate sticker and Certificate of Vehicle Registration within 10 business days.

### In person:

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DMV has authorized several agencies and businesses to act as agents to provide basic vehicle registration services. You will receive a new license plate sticker and Certificate of Vehicle Registration from the agent. These agents may charge a maximum service fee of \$10 for a renewal transaction and \$19.50 for a title transaction. Service hours and methods of payment vary.

[DMV services centers \(find out what plates are available at each DMV\)](#)

Present the license plate renewal notice and fee at any of the DMV customer service centers offering vehicle registration services. You will receive a new license plate sticker and Certificate of Vehicle Registration. There is a \$3 service fee per renewal application.

**DMV customer service centers accept cash, checks, debit cards and the following credit cards:** Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover. Debit cards will be processed as credit.

### For more information:

- [DMV customer services centers](#)
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### Questions?

Email [Wisconsin DMV email service](#)

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