

## **NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

News release: 250,000 drivers eligible for online renewal

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on a news release regarding the eligibility of drivers to use the new online renewal service [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=OPA664&uri=file:W/RELEASES/REL20/DMV/052220-250Keligible.docx&division=OPA>

1. Mailing written comments to:  
Office of Public Affairs  
Wisconsin Department of Transportation  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
PO Box 7910  
Madison, WI 53707-7910

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

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

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## 250,000 drivers eligible for online renewal

New DMV online license renewal program available for drivers ages 18 to 64

To accommodate thousands of customers needing to renew their driver license during the public health emergency, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) now offers many drivers the option to renew online. The new program, launched May 11, allows eligible drivers to renew their license up to one year before their card expires.

DMV estimates nearly 250,000 drivers are eligible to renew their license online this year.

"Renewing online is an important option for those who prefer to minimize public interaction at this time," Wisconsin DMV Administrator Kristina Boardman said.

Drivers, ages 18 to 64, with no new medical restrictions or negative changes to their vision since their last renewal can renew their license online ([wisconsindmv.gov/renewDL](http://wisconsindmv.gov/renewDL)).

Approximately 80,000 driver licenses expired since March 12, 2020. To eliminate the need to visit a service center, those licenses received extensions for renewal. The renewal extensions expire July 25, 2020.

To protect the health of drivers 60 and older, DMV is extending their renewal date to September 24, 2020.

Renewing online is fast and convenient. Drivers who renew online 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.

Additional information about the online renewal program can be found here:

- [wisconsindmv.gov](http://wisconsindmv.gov)
- [Facebook Live](#)
- [YouTube](#)
- WisDOT's "[Transportation Connects Us](#)" podcast

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Wisconsin DMV now allows drivers to renew their license online ([wisconsindmv.gov/renewDL](http://wisconsindmv.gov/renewDL)) and skip the trip. For those drivers who are not eligible for online renewal, new safety features are in place at DMVs across the state. DMVs reopen Tuesday, May 26 for regular hours and offer all driver- and ID- related services (including Instruction Permits, Knowledge tests, CDL needs). Vehicle services (plate renewal, vehicle titles, etc.) must be done online ([wisconsindmv.gov](http://wisconsindmv.gov)), by mail, or via a 3<sup>rd</sup> party.

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