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## New Mexico MVD expands Mobile ID program

State launches free verification terminal loaner program for businesses

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division today announced the launch of its Mobile ID Reader Loaner Program, an effort to boost Mobile ID acceptance among New Mexico businesses.

The program allows businesses to enter into an agreement with MVD to temporarily loan out Tap2iD readers – age verification terminals – for free.

"New Mexico was at the forefront of states that adopted Mobile IDs. The public response has been excellent, and MVD is now ramping up resources that help businesses accept Mobile IDs," said **New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division Director Htet Wint**. "Not only are Mobile IDs more convenient for many people, they're also private and secure."

The verification terminal uses secure cryptography to verify age on Mobile ID. The person verifying age with the terminal also ensures the photo shared on the terminal is the same as the person presenting the Mobile ID.

The New Mexico Wine Association and Happy Accidents, a bar in Albuquerque, are among the first local entities to utilize the Tap2iD readers.

"New Mexico Wine is thrilled to be the first participating business in the MVD's Mobile ID Reader Loaner Program," said **New Mexico Wine Executive Director Christopher Goblet**. "Wine has deep roots in New Mexico as the oldest grape growing region in the United States, but that does not mean we are out-of-touch with technology. Accepting Mobile IDs shows that this sector is thriving in the modern era. To our customers we say: Bring your phones and bring your friends."

The minimum age required on the terminal can be customized via the online Verify with Credence management portal, making Mobile ID even more accessible for other businesses, such as dispensaries or destinations that offer perks for seniors.

New Mexico adopted Mobile IDs in 2024 and is now among 16 states that offer Mobile IDs. A full list of states, including participating TSA checkpoints at airports, can be found here.

More information on how to accept or download Mobile IDs can be found on MVD's website <u>here</u>.

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