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## **MVD prepares 32,353 temporary licenses**

More than 3,000 being sent to drivers automatically

Most drivers whose licenses have expired since March 11, 2020 can now obtain a 90-day temporary license, and some will receive it by email automatically this week.

MVD has prepared the temporary licenses for 32,353 drivers whose licenses either have expired since March 11 or will expire by May 15.

More than 3,000 drivers who previously provided MVD with an email address do not have to take any action to receive a temporary license. Those drivers will be receiving a printable temporary license via email.

Drivers who haven't provided MVD with an email address can obtain the temporary license at mvdonline.com by opening the "Online Services" menu near the top of the page, choosing "Eservices" and then "Drivers & Placards."

"The COVID-19 pandemic is causing New Mexicans to experience immense financial and logistical challenges. MVD wants to lessen the burden by making it quick and easy to receive a temporary 90-day drivers license," said Cabinet Secretary Stephanie Schardin Clarke.

Some drivers are not eligible for the temporary licenses—those with interlock or DWI temporary licenses, those with limited licenses because of suspensions based on points and drivers who hold commercial licenses are not eligible.

The MVD is still encouraging drivers to renew their licenses online at mvdonline.com if that is a good option for them. That decision depends on a driver's particular circumstances. Some of the most common are:

- Drivers with a current, valid license can renew it online for a standard license.
- Drivers who already have a Real ID license can renew it online.

Drivers who want a Real ID for the first time must wait for field offices to reopen. Please note that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has postponed the requirement for Real IDs at TSA checkpoints until Oct. 1, 2021.