

MVD Procedural Quick Update

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RE: No ID for Anyone who has a Driver's License
Effective date: August 15, 2011

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To: All MVD
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[This is the latest in a series of procedural updates. These updates deal with specific MVD procedures and practices. Managers and Supervisors should consistently distribute the updates to all personnel and integrate them into regular information and training sessions.]

Effective Monday, August 15, 2011, MVD agents (including state, county-municipal and private retail agent offices) are instructed not to issue a new or renewal identification card to anyone who has a current driver's license from any state.

By statute (Sec. 66-5-401 NMSA 1978) a customer cannot hold both a New Mexico driver's license (DL) and a New Mexico identification card (ID). MVD's longstanding practice has been, however, to issue a New Mexico ID to an individual who is a resident of New Mexico even though he or she may also be a resident of another state and may have a current driver's license issued by the other state.

Effective August 15, 2011, we will no longer issue a New Mexico ID to anyone who holds a current driver's license from any state, unless the individual surrenders that license. If a customer applying for a new or renewal ID indicates, by answering "yes" to question #1 on the Driver Application, that he or she holds a current driver's license, the MVD agent must explain that we cannot issue an ID unless the customer surrenders the license.

If the customer does choose to surrender a current driver's license in exchange for a New Mexico ID, he or she must complete and sign the Driver License Surrender Form (MVD-10231). The driver's license should be hole-punched and returned to the customer.

Field office managers and supervisors should refer any comments or questions regarding this Procedural Quick Update to their Bureau Chiefs, with cc to mac.lewis@state.nm.us. Others are encouraged to direct comments or questions directly to Mac Lewis, MVD Policy and Procedure Manager, at mac.lewis@state.nm.us.
