

MVD Procedural Quick Update

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RE: Pro Rata DL Fees at Ages 72-74
Effective date: February 14, 2008

Date: February 13, 2008
To: All MVD
From: Mac Lewis, MVD Policy and Procedures Manager

[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 February 14, 2008, the fees screen in MVD 2.0 has been adjusted to charge prorated driver's license fees for those drivers age 72-74 who are limited to receiving a one-, two- or three-year license.

Section 66-5-19 NMSA 1978 provides in part that, "At age seventy-five and thereafter, the applicant shall renew the applicant's license on a yearly basis at no cost to the applicant." As a result, we are unable to issue a full four-year (new or renewal) license to individuals who are 72-74, but are only able to issue a three-, two- or one-year license that must then be renewed annually beginning at age 75.

Until now, MVD 2.0 has not allowed for a reduced, prorated license fee for those individuals. Now, however, effective Thursday, February 14, MVD 2.0 has been configured to prorate the \$10.00 base fee for a four-year license. The Administrative, EDL and Driver Safety Fees, totaling \$8.00, remain fixed.

For those license applicants age 72-74, the corrected fees will now total:

- at age 72, \$15.50 (\$7.50 plus \$8.00) for a three-year license;
- at age 73, \$13.00 (\$5.00 plus \$8.00) for a two-year license; and
- at age 74, \$10.50 (\$2.50 plus \$8.00) for a one-year license.

A letter has been sent to drivers who were charged the full \$18.00 at age 72-74 for a less-than-four-year license, with our apologies, offering them a pro rata refund based on the amount of their overpayment. If you have customers who should have received that letter but have not, encourage them to send a refund request, with their license details and contact information, by mail to Attn: 72-74 Refund, Motor Vehicle Division, P.O. Box 1028 Santa Fe, NM 87504-1028, or by fax to (505) 827-2397.

The best news for all those affected is that after they do turn 75 all subsequent annual renewals will be at no cost.

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.
