Policy 25.01 Reconstructed Driver’s License / Identification Card

Section: 1. Issuance of Driver’s License

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Purpose: Establish a procedure allowing a Louisiana resident, who is temporarily out of the state/country and is unable to return to Louisiana, to apply for a copy of his/her Louisiana driver's license or identification card.

Requirements:
- Application for Reconstructed DL/ID for Temp OOS residents (DPSMV2013)
- Proof of Louisiana residency
- Applicable fees in the form of money order, certified check, or cashier’s check made payable to Office of Motor Vehicles.
- In addition to the items listed above the following documents must be provided, if applicable
  - Active Duty Military
    - A copy of the active duty orders, LES, or a letter from the applicants commanding officer indicating the applicant is currently active duty military
  - Dependents of Active Duty Military
    - A copy of active duty orders or a letter from a commanding officer listing the applicant as a dependent of an enlisted individual currently on active duty
  - Students attending school out of state
    - A current copy of the student ID card or school transcript indicating that the applicant is enrolled at the time of application
  - Commercial Driver's License (duplicate only)
    - Medical Examiner’s Certificate (Form MSCA-5876)
    - CDL Supplemental Form (Form DPSMV2211), if applicable
Applicant’s seventy years of age or old or older with a disability that precludes person from renewing in person
  - A sworn affidavit by a physician certifying that the applicant possesses all cognitive functions necessary to be a prudent driver

Restrictions:

- The following do not qualify for issuance of a reconstructed driver’s license or identification card:
  - First time issuance of a REAL ID
  - A driver’s license currently under suspension or revocation
  - A driver’s license or identification card that has been expired for twelve (12) months or more
  - A driver’s license or identification card that was renewed by mail or electronic commerce at the last occurrence of its expiration
  - Driver’s license or identification cards issued to alien student or non-resident aliens
  - Renewal of a commercial driver’s license
  - Addition of endorsements or restrictions to a driver’s license

General:

- **Renewal of a Driver’s License or Identification Card**
  - A class D or E driver’s license or an identification card that has been expired twelve (12) months or more cannot be renewed through the reconstructed process.
  - A commercial driver’s license shall not be renewed through the reconstructed process.
  - Applications for a class D or E driver’s license with less than 180 days remaining before expiration will be processed as a renewal.
  - Applications for an identification card with less than 90 days remaining before expiration will be processed as a renewal.

- **Issuance of a Duplicate Driver’s License or Identification Card**
  - Driver’s license or identification cards not within the renewal period will be processed as a duplicate and will indicate the same expiration date as the previous card issued.
  - Stolen driver’s license or ID - The required fee may be waived if a detailed theft report listing the Louisiana credential is provided. The theft report must be submitted in addition to all other applicable documents listed in the requirement section above.
  - A duplicate commercial driver’s license may be issued through the reconstructed process.
    - The applicant must provide a current and valid medical card.
    - A self-certification form must be provided if the driver’s type of commerce has changed. This form is not necessary if the type of commerce has not changed.
- Restrictions and/or endorsements shall not be added to a reconstructed CDL.

- **Driver’s License Renewal by Mail for Applicants Seventy Years of Age or Older**
  - A renewal by mail of a class D or E driver’s license may be granted to a person seventy (70) years of age or older who is medically diagnosed with a disability that precludes that person from renewing his license in person upon submission of the required documents indicated above.
  - Required documents and necessary fees must be sent to the address indicated below for processing.

**Notes:**

- All required documentation and necessary fees must be mailed to:
  - Office of Motor Vehicles
  - Attn: Reconstructed License
  - P.O. Box 64886
  - Baton Rouge, LA 70896
  - OR
  - Office of Motor Vehicles
  - Attn: Reconstructed License
  - 7979 Independence Blvd.
  - Baton Rouge, LA 70806

- Failure to submit the required documents or necessary fees will result in the file being rejected.

**Related Policies**

- Section 1, Policy 2.00 [Fees And Duration Of License/ID Card](#)
- Section 1, Policy 3.04 [Residency Requirements for Issuance of a Driver’s License](#)
- Section 1, Policy 17.00 [Delinquent Fees](#)
- Section 1, Policy 25.00 [Military/Peace Corps Personnel And Dependents](#)