



Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
**Policy 25.01 Reconstructed Driver's License /
Identification Card**

Section: 1. Issuance of Driver's License

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[R.S. 32:412\(D\)\(3\)](#)

[R.S. 32:413](#)

[R.S. 32:410\(E\)\(4\)\(b\)](#)

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	OR	Office of Motor Vehicles
Attn: Reconstructed License		Attn: Reconstructed License
P.O. Box 64886		7979 Independence Blvd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70896		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](#)