Civilian Status:

**Section:** 1. Issuance of Driver’s License

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- R.S.15:542
- R.S.15:542.1
- R.S.32:412(I)
- R.S.40:1321(J)

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**Background:**
- **Credential Issuance January 4, 2021 or After** - Effective January 4, 2021, the sex offender designation will no longer be displayed on the credential card, but will be displayed on the customer’s record.
- **Credential Issuance Prior to January 4, 2021** – The Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall issue to any person who is required to register as a sex offender a special identification card or driver’s license, which shall contain the sex offender designation.

**Requirements:**
- **Credentials Issued Prior to January 4, 2021**
  - Driver’s license and/or identification cards issued prior to January 4, 2021 are valid for a period of one year.
    - The renewal fee shall be collected upon each renewal.
  - Any person required to register as a sex offender shall personally appear at a Motor Vehicle field office to renew his/her driver’s license or identification card every year. A credential will not be issued until the Department receives confirmation from the Bureau that the re-registration of the sex offender has been completed.
  - The requirements stated above shall apply to all registered sex offenders regardless of the date of conviction.

**Exceptions:**
- **Exception Requirements Prior to January 4, 2021**
  - A person who is a sex offender does not qualify for a driver’s license or identification card mail-in renewal invitation.
  - A person who is a sex offender does not qualify for free driver’s license or identification card.