Florida’s **NEW** Driver License and ID Card

Starting in August 2017, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles will begin issuing a new, more secure Florida driver license and ID card. By the end of December 2017, the new credential will be available at all service centers throughout Florida and online. Previous driver license and ID cards will still be in use alongside the new credential until replaced or phased out.

The new credential provides Floridians the most secure over-the-counter credential on the market today.

1. **A New Look:**

   **Florida’s new driver license and ID card is uniquely Florida!** The card front incorporates a pastel-colored linear rendering of the Florida state seal and a large orange “FL” over a stark white base. On the card back, an image of the state of Florida rests among ocean waves and the year 1845 is displayed, referring to the year Florida became the 27th state in the Union.

   Photograph images will now be printed with a transparent background and appear in four locations on the credential.

2. **Fraud Protection:**

   The new credential design incorporates nearly double the fraud protection measures compared to the previous design, including redundant data, **ultraviolet (UV) ink and optically variable features.**
3. Designated Header Colors:

New credentials will be issued with designated header colors that denote the type of license the customer holds. Credentials held by customers under 21 years of age will display a red box on the card front that indicates the date until which the customer will be under 21.
4. New/Updated Designations:

The new design incorporates designations for lifetime sportsman’s, boater, freshwater, saltwater and hunting licenses, as well as designations for veteran, organ donor, deaf/hard of hearing and developmentally disabled.

- **New Designations**
  - Developmentally Disabled
  - Organ Donor
  - Deaf/Hard of Hearing
  - Veteran

- **Lifetime License Designations**
  - Indicators always appear in the same order and location:
    - Sportman’s
    - Hunting
    - Freshwater
    - Boater
    - Saltwater

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**DESIGNATION LIST**

- **FWC**
  - **Lifetime Boater**
    - Lifetime Boater Safety endorsement from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)
  - **Lifetime Sportsman’s**
    - Lifetime FWC Sportsman’s License
  - **Lifetime Hunting**
    - Lifetime FWC hunting license
FWC Lifetime Freshwater
Lifeetime FWC Freshwater Fishing License

FWC Lifetime Saltwater
Lifeetime FWC Saltwater Fishing License

Deaf/Hard of Hearing
Designation showing that the cardholder is deaf or hard of hearing

Developmentally Disabled
Designation showing that an ID cardholder is developmentally disabled

Organ Donor
Designation showing that the cardholder wishes to be an organ donor

Insulin Dependent
Designation showing that the cardholder is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces

Veteran
Designation showing that the cardholder is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces

Designation Fees:
Individuals who qualify for a credential designation may obtain the newly-designed credential with certain fees waived. Credentials that have reached their required renewal period or have been lost are not eligible for a fee-waiver when adding designations to a new credential. To add a designation and receive the newly-designed credential, visit a local service center.

5. Getting Your New Card:
Individuals are only required to replace their current driver license or ID card if their current credential has reached its expiration or a required change is needed, such as a name or address change.

• IN PERSON:
Beginning August 2017, the new credential will be offered at select service centers, with additional service centers each month. The new credential will be available at all service centers by the end of December 2017.
• ONLINE:

The new credential will be available for online renewals at osceolataxcollector.com by the end of December 2017.

6. Other Notable Updates:

• Changes to Motorcycle Endorsements:

Motorcycle endorsements will no longer be spelled out on the front of Florida driver licenses. Motorcycle-also and motorcycle-only endorsements have been added and are designated by an “A” or “O” in the endorsement field located on the front of the card and are also indicated by a “A-MTRCL Also” or “O-MTRCL Only” on the back of the card.

• Sexual Predator/offender Identifiers:

The new Florida driver license and ID card allows for the identification of sexual predators and sexual offenders with a blue identifier on the bottom right of the front of the card. Sexual predators will have “Sexual Predator” spelled out on the card, while sexual offenders have “943.0435 F.S.” listed in this area.
• **AAMVA Mandatory Data Element Numbers:**

The new Florida driver license and ID card will display small numbers next to each data field (i.e. **name**, **expiration date**, **sex**, **height**). The inclusion of these numbers is required by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators’ driver license and ID card design standard and has been adopted by many states.