Sheriff’s Office Personnel,

On November 19th, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) announced a “Driver License Learner’s Permit Extension Update,” there will be an extension through May 31, 2021 for non-commercial permits only. While DMV has taken action to extend permits, the department will not update driver license records to reflect this extension. California law enforcement personnel are asked to honor the waiver mentioned above.

Please refer to the attached LEM 20-15 Memo issued by the DMV for further information.
Purpose

To notify California law enforcement agencies of a Driver License Permit (DLP) extension for customers with an expired or expiring permit.

Background


Pursuant to Director's Order 2020-07, DMV Director Gordon issued an extension Director's Order 2020-04 of DLPs that expired March 1, 2020, through and including August 31, 2020, had a six month extension or to a date 24 months from the date of application, whichever is earlier, to complete the requirements specified in VC 12814.6 or 128049(a)(1)(D).

Pursuant to Director's Order 2020-10, DLPs that expired March 1, 2020, through and including November 30, 2020, have a six month extension or to a date 24 months from the date of application, whichever is earlier, to complete the requirements specified in VC 12814.6 or 128049(a)(1)(D).

New Information

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, certain populations have been advised to stay home due to the risk of exposure to COVID-19. Some current DLP permit holders may not have been able to complete all the requirements needed to obtain a driver license.

Pursuant to Director’s Order 2020-12, DLPs that expire March 1, 2020, through and including May 31, 2021, have a six month extension or to a date 24 months from the date of application, whichever is earlier, to complete the requirements specified in VC 12814.6 or 128049(a)(1)(D).

Pursuant to the September 30, 2020 Law Enforcement Memo 20-14, Commercial Driver License, Commercial Learner’s Permit, and Medical Certificate Extension, no additional changes have been made.

Californians with a suspended record are not eligible for the temporary extension.

Note: While DMV has taken action to extend permits, the department will not update driver license records to reflect this extension.
Due to this emergency, California law enforcement personnel are advised to recognize that permits are extended (with or without a physical paper extension). Please disseminate this information to all interested persons and agencies within your jurisdiction.

**Note:** This shall remain in effect through May 31, 2021 for non-commercial permits and will be reevaluated at that time.

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