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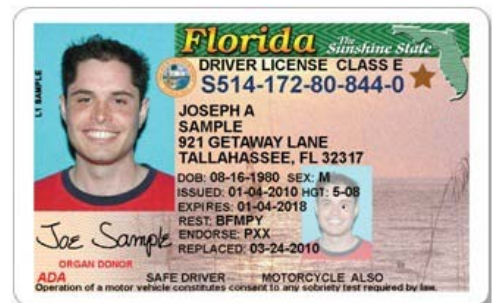
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FLORIDA SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTS NEW DRIVER LICENSE, ID CARD REQUIREMENTS

~ DHSMV serves more than 900,000 customers in first 100 days ~

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Beginning Jan. 1, 2010, new documentation requirements took effect for Florida residents wishing to obtain a driver license or identification card. Since inception of the new requirements, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles has issued 913,736 new cards with the gold star in the upper right corner indicating compliance with the new identification requirements.

Customers who wish to obtain a new license, legally change their name prior to their renewal date, or immediately replace a lost or stolen license or ID card are required to visit a driver license office and show proof of identity, Social Security number and residential address (two items). To prepare for a visit to a driver license office, customers are visiting the Department's interactive website, **www.GatherGoGet.com**, to find out how and when to *gather* the right documents, *go* to a driver license office and *get* a new card. The website, also available in Spanish and Creole, has been visited more than 887,000 times, as customers are successfully obtaining information that helps them collect required documents, create personalized checklists, and locate the closest driver license offices in their area.



The new Florida driver license and ID card features a gold star.

“The Department will continue to educate our customers so that they come prepared for their next visit to an office,” said Division of Driver License Director Sandra Lambert. “We are committed to working with our customers while ensuring that Florida’s driver license and ID card system maintains the highest possible level of security and integrity.”

The Department, in partnership with many of Florida’s county tax collectors, offers driver license and ID card services. While the new documentation requirements began Jan. 1, 2010, Florida residents may not have to visit a driver license or tax collector office right away. Customers can verify when they need to visit an office with the required documents by visiting **www.GatherGoGet.com**. Many customers may be eligible to renew online or via mail, one time between office renewals. The renewal following a convenience option must be in a state driver license office or participating tax collector office where new requirements are in effect.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement. The Department is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and operation of the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMV and the services offered, visit www.flhsmv.gov.

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