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NEWS RELEASE

## Beat the Rush or Skip the Trip!

*Renew your license or ID early or use Texas.gov to renew online*

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is advising residents to avoid the summer rush at driver license offices across the state by renewing their license or identification card early or online. Residents can beat the rush and avoid longer lines during the summer – the busiest time of year at driver license offices – by renewing their driver license or identification card before the summer begins. Residents who are eligible can skip the trip to the office completely by renewing their license or identification card online – or changing their address – at [Texas.gov](http://Texas.gov).

“Summertime is the busiest time of year at our driver license offices with more residents than usual renewing their driver license or identification card,” said DPS Director Steven McCraw. “These busy months typically lead to longer wait times for customers, so we’re encouraging Texans to come in early to beat the rush or they can skip the trip to the office altogether by renewing online.”

To be eligible to renew online, the expiration date on the card must be within one year. When a resident renews their card, the expiration date on the new card will be six years after the current card’s expiration date, whether customers renew early or not.

Additionally, in order to renew online, the card cannot have been expired for more than two years. Requirements for renewing online are available at [Texas.gov](http://Texas.gov), the official website of the State of Texas. (Licenses must be renewed in person every 12 years, so an updated photo can be taken and eyesight tested.)

The renewal fee is the same for online, in-person, and telephone renewals.

Through [Texas.gov](http://Texas.gov), residents can also renew their vehicle registration, apply for a concealed handgun license, request a copy of their birth certificate or driving record, and link to additional official state government websites. Customers may obtain a replacement driver license or identification card online if they are able to provide the 20 character code on the front of their current license or card.

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