

Rule 375-3-2-.04. Remote Renewal of Licenses, Permits, for Military and Students and Identification Cards. Revised

(1) ~~Driver's licenses, permits and identification cards held by active-duty service members and their dependents stationed outside of Georgia, and those Georgia residents attending school outside of Georgia,~~ may be renewed by mail, provided that the licensee's photograph, and signature are on file via digital image. Applicants may be approved for renewal by mail if they meet the requirements of paragraph (2). The applicant applying for the renewal of the license must make written request for the renewal and include therein:

(a) Payment of the appropriate license fee for the class license currently held by the licensee. This fee must be in the form of a personal check, cashier's check, postal money order or credit card authorization

(b) Proof of Georgia residence

~~(b)~~ (c) Military personnel, and their dependents and commanding officer must send a letter from their commanding officer stating that they are in complete and sign the Georgia Department of Driver Services "Affidavit for Military Personnel Unable to Visit A Customer Service Center" (DDS-359 MIR) stating that they are in the military or a military dependent. A Vision Screening Results Form (DDS-274A) must also be completed.

~~(c)~~ (d) Students must submit, along with their renewal request, a letter from a school official stating that he/she is a full-time student. A "Vision Screening Results" Form (DDS-274A) must also be completed.

(e) Customers temporarily located out of state for employment purposes must submit a completed, signed and notarized Georgia Department of Driver Services "Affidavit for Customers on Temporary Work Assignment Out of State Unable to Visit A Customer Service Center" (DDS-360 MIR) by the employee and employer. A "Vision Screening Results" Form (DDS-274A) must also be completed.

(f) Customers physically unable to visit a DDS location in person due to physical incapacitation must submit a completed, signed and notarized Georgia Department of Driver Services "Affidavit for Customers Physically Unable to Visit a Customer Service Center" (DDS-361 MIR) documenting their incapacitation and inability to visit a customer service center from a licensed physician. An Identification Card will be issued upon approval of the remote renewal request.

~~(2) Each customer applying for renewal of a license, permit or identification card pursuant to this regulation on or after July 1, 2012 must satisfy the requirements of Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 375-3-1-.02 (3).~~

(2) Customers seeking to renew by mail must show evidence that they are Georgia residents who are:

(a) Temporarily located out of state due to:

(i) active duty military service or their dependents stationed outside of Georgia; or

(ii) attendance of school outside of Georgia or their dependents who are located out-of-state with them; or

(iii) employment assignment.

(b) Physically unable to visit a DDS location in person due to their physical incapacitation

(3) Notwithstanding satisfaction of the requirements set forth above, the records of the Department must include a usable photograph and signature image for the customer to complete the renewal process by mail.

(4) Customers will be allowed one full-term renewal by mail.

~~(2)~~(5) Each customer applying for renewal of a license, permit or identification card pursuant to this regulation on or after July 1, 2012 must satisfy the requirements of Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 375-3-1-.02 ~~(3)~~.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 40-5-4, 40-5-32, 40-16-2, 40-16-3, 40-16-4, 40-16-5, 40-5-101,

SYNOPSIS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

The purpose of this amendment is to provide for updated standards for the consideration and approval of mail-in applications for driver's licenses, identification cards, or permits.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES

The proposed rule changes consolidate the "renewal-by-mail" provisions for customers who are physically incapacitated and temporarily located out of state due to school attendance, or military or work assignment. Requirements for approval of requests to renew by mail are specifically listed in the proposed rule. The proposed language requires proof of Georgia residence, and limits renewal-by-mail issuances to one full term. The proposed amendments also provide for payment by credit card.