

# DID YOU KNOW???

## ADDRESS CHANGE? MUST NOTIFY DMV WITHIN 10 DAYS

I have been asked a number of times how long do you get to change the address on your license if you move to a new address. The answer is 10 days. This applies not only to your license but also to your vehicle registration.

Applicable Vehicle and Traffic Law (VTL) sections requiring this are 401 (3) (a) for your vehicle registration and section 505 (5) for your license. Both sections require notification of the address change to be sent or brought to the Department of Motor Vehicles within 10 days of your address change.

VTL also requires that you to cross out the old address on your registration and inscribe your new address on it (read the instructions for an address change on the back of your vehicle registration).

Similarly, on your license, you must also write your new address on the back of your photo license in the place provided. Local DMV offices in Malone and Saranac Lake have address change stickers that go on the back of the license that are easier to write on.

Notification, in writing to the Department of Motor Vehicles, must be made by letter or by completing the DMV "Address Change" form, (MV-232), shown with this article. This form can be found online at [dmv.ny.gov](http://dmv.ny.gov) or in any DMV office. With the MV-232 form, the address can be changed for both your license and for the registration of one or more vehicles.

Failure to notify DMV of an address change for a registered vehicle within 10 days is punishable by a fine of up to \$150 plus applicable surcharges and/or up to 15 days in jail for a first offense. Similarly, the fine for failure to notify DMV of change of address for your driver's license is up to \$75 plus applicable surcharges.

Lastly, in response to the question "must I carry my driver's license with me when driving", VTL section 507-2 states: "Failure to exhibit a license valid for operation to any magistrate, motor vehicle license examiner, motor vehicle investigator, peace officer acting pursuant to his special duties, or police officer shall be presumptive evidence that he is not duly licensed". This means that, although you should carry your license with you when driving, after producing a valid license, this violation will be dismissed.

For more articles on traffic law and safety, go to the traffic safety board's web site at: [www.franklincony.org](http://www.franklincony.org) and click on "Traffic Safety Board" under departments then look for Did You Know articles under "services". You may also email me at: [dwerner151@verizon.net](mailto:dwerner151@verizon.net)

**MV-232 (REV. 12/13) ADDRESS CHANGE** Change your address online at [dmv.ny.gov](http://dmv.ny.gov)

**PART 1 - Complete this section to CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS**

Provide the information in Part 1 that applies to the type of document that you want to update. Mark the box for each type of document that you have and that needs to be changed to show your new address.

State (or Enhanced) License/Permit/Non-Driver ID Card  Enhanced License/Permit/Non-Driver ID Card  Registration

**IMPORTANT!** If you are registered to vote, your voter registration record will be updated when you register and submit this form. If you do NOT want your new address on your voter registration record, mark this box . If you do not mark this box, your new address will be sent to the Board of Elections of your county of residence.

**LICENSE/PERMIT/NON-DRIVER ID CARD:**

Your Document Expires: (Enter the ID number on it if printed on the front of your license, permit or non-driver ID card) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ SEX:  M  F

NAME (Print your name - Last, First, MI) \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW ADDRESS - WHERE YOU SET YOUR MAIL (please print - include Street No. and name, Home (Jeffery, Art, etc., under the No.), and/or P.O. box No. Also fill in residence address below)**

CITY OR TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW ADDRESS - WHERE YOU LIVE (please print - include Street No. and name, and Apt. No.)**

CITY OR TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

**PREVIOUS NY ADDRESS (please print St. and name, Road/Highway, Apt. No., under the No.)** CITY OR TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION (Provide the information below for each registration in your name)**

License Plate No.	Type of Registration (Mark One)
<input type="checkbox"/> Passenger	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Tractor/Mobile <input type="checkbox"/> Boat <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Passenger	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Tractor/Mobile <input type="checkbox"/> Boat <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Passenger	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Tractor/Mobile <input type="checkbox"/> Boat <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Passenger	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Tractor/Mobile <input type="checkbox"/> Boat <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

**CERTIFICATION:** I certify that I am the individual named above and that the information provided is true to the best of my knowledge.

Sign Here:  I  My Spouse  My Agent \_\_\_\_\_ Sign Name in Full \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**WARNING!** Knowledgeably providing false information on this form is a misdemeanor and will result in penalties authorized by law.

**PART 2 - Complete this section to PURCHASE A REPLACEMENT DOCUMENT THAT SHOWS YOUR NEW ADDRESS**

Mark the box for each type of document that you currently have and want to update to show your new address. Then, write a check that has the account holder's name pre-printed or a money order payable to "Department of Motor Vehicles" for the total fee.

Document	Fee	Non-Driver ID Card Fee
<input type="checkbox"/> Driver License (Per: \$17.50)	\$17.50	\$8.00*
<input type="checkbox"/> License Permit (Per: \$10.00)	\$10.00	\$8.00*
<input type="checkbox"/> Registration (Per: \$3.00 per registration)	\$3.00	\$8.00*
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat Registration (Per: \$2.00 per registration)	\$2.00	\$8.00*
<input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Registration (Per: \$5.00 per registration)	\$5.00	\$8.00*

\* For Non-Driver ID Holders ONLY: If 62 years old OR a Supplemental Security Income recipient, the fee is \$6.00. If 65 years old AND a Supplemental Security Income recipient, there is NO Fee.

\* If you are a Supplemental Security Income recipient, you must provide proof with this form, per your age and your state OR (SNY).

**PART 3 - NEW YORK STATE VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION**

Check the appropriate box to indicate your voter registration information with the Board of Elections.

Are you a citizen of the U.S.?  Yes  No Did you turn 18 years of age or older on or before election day?  Yes  No Telephone Number (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not 18, are you registered to vote?  Yes  No If you are not 18, you cannot register to vote unless you are at least 16 years old at the time of the election.

Are you a resident of this state?  Yes  No Your name was: \_\_\_\_\_ Your address was: \_\_\_\_\_ Your state or territory: \_\_\_\_\_ County name: \_\_\_\_\_

What Party?  I am not affiliated with any party.  I am affiliated with the following party: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVE:** I swear or affirm that:  I am a citizen of the United States.  I have been in the county, city or village for at least 30 days before the election.  I have all requirements to register to vote in New York State.  I am not a candidate for office in this election.  This election information is true. I understand that if it is not true, I can be convicted and fined up to \$5,000 and/or imprisoned for up to four years.

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_