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**MEMORANDUM TO:**

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FROM:

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DATE:

March 17, 2022

RE:

**Elimination of Licence Plate Stickers and Validation
Extensions for Passenger Vehicles, Light Commercial
Vehicles, Motorcycles and Mopeds and End of
Extensions for Driver and Vehicle Products**

The purpose of this memorandum is to correct the memo issued on March 11, 2022, regarding the elimination of fees and licence plate stickers (valtags) for passenger vehicles, light commercial vehicles, motorcycles and mopeds, as well as the end of extensions to the validity of certain driver and vehicle products. Added information about insurance checks and corrections to vehicle-related extension end dates are noted in bold font below.

Elimination of vehicle validation fees and stickers:

The proposal has received the necessary legislative and regulatory approvals. As such, the government is eliminating licence plate renewal fees and the requirement to display a licence plate sticker for all passenger vehicles, light commercial vehicles (e.g., pick-up trucks with registered gross weight 3000 kg and less) motorcycles and mopeds effective March 13, 2022. No stickers will be issued for these vehicle types, for either the plate or the back of the permit. No physical proof of validation is required.

The ministry is also extending validation for the impacted vehicle types, as follows:

- If the plate owner is an individual, validation is extended to March 31, 2022
- If the plate owner is a non-individual (i.e., registered in a business or company name), validation is extended to September 30, 2022.

Individual plate owners are registrant type “individual,” but may also include a joint registration, where both parties are individuals, or a fleet registered in an individual’s name. Non-individuals are “company” registrant type. Plate registrant type is available on the Inquiry Services System (ISS). For impacted vehicle types, ISS will display “NOT REQ” in the valtag number field. See Appendix 2 for sample ISS screen.

Plate owners with the impacted vehicle types are still required to renew either online (at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/renew-licence-plate-sticker>) or in-person every one or two years at no cost, to confirm their automobile insurance is valid and pay any outstanding Highway 407 tolls and municipal fines. **Automated insurance checks will continue for passenger vehicles and personal use light commercial vehicles.** Renewal requirements remain unchanged.

Section 7 (1) (a) of the *Highway Traffic Act* remains in force. The offence under this section, “Drive motor vehicle, no currently validated permit” is punishable, on conviction, by a fine of \$60 - \$1,000. The section reads as follows:

7 (1) No person shall drive a motor vehicle on a highway unless,

(a) there exists a currently validated permit for the vehicle;

To support police services and to help mitigate road safety risks associated with the elimination of the sticker, the Ministry of the Solicitor General will allocate funding to have police vehicles equipped with Automated Licence Plate Recognition technology. Development of this new grant program is underway and a targeted call for applications will be issued to police services with additional details on the eligibility criteria in the coming weeks.

Renewal fees and requirements for licence plate stickers for heavy commercial vehicles and snowmobiles remain unchanged (i.e., fees and stickers are required).

Further details about renewal requirements can be found on the Ontario government’s [website](#).

End of extensions to validity of most driver and vehicle products:

Extensions for Full Class (A, B, C, D, E, F, G and M (all ages)) driver’s licences, Driver Instructor’s Licences and Ontario Photo Cards with expiry dates between March 1, 2020 and February 28, 2022, ended on March 1, 2022.

Novice driver’s licences (G1, G2, M1, M2) with expiry dates between March 1, 2020 and December 31, 2022, are extended until December 31, 2022.

Despite vehicle validation extensions noted above, all other vehicle-related extensions have ended:

- Validation for heavy commercial vehicles (**ended Dec.31/21**)

- Safety Standards Certificates, temporary registration, special permits (**ended Oct.6/21**)
- Requirements to update address, name change and vehicle modifications for motor vehicles and snow vehicles (ended Feb.28/22)
- Requirement to transfer/register and plate a vehicle – new Ontario residents and those who purchased a used vehicle (**ended Oct.6/21**)

If police services would like to discuss the elimination of fees and licence plate stickers in more detail, they may contact Elizabeth Marles, Manager, Vehicle Program Development Office at (647) 385-6440 (cell) or Elizabeth.Marles@ontario.ca.

For more information regarding the end of extensions for certain driver's licences, they may contact Kim MacCarl, Manager, Driver Program Development Office at (416) 459-4044 or Kim.MacCarl@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your assistance.



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Attachments:

Appendix 1: Legislative and Regulatory Amendments

Appendix 2: Inquiry Services System (ISS) Display

Appendix 1: Legislative and Regulatory Amendments

- Order in Council to proclaim into force provisions under the *Plan to Build Ontario Together Act, 2019*, which amends the Highway Traffic Act (HTA), section 7
- Amended Regulation 628 (Vehicle Permits) under the HTA

Appendix 2: Inquiry Services System (ISS) Display

Valtag # field for impacted vehicles will read "NOT REQ"

| Vehicle Record: | | Profile | Full Details |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Plate | | Registered Plate Owner Information | |
| Plate #: | DABB938 CA-ON | Registered Owner: | TEST,IRP,INC |
| Date: | 2022-02-08 | Registrant Type: | Individual |
| Plate Status: | Attached | Registered Address: | 9966 PARISH LANE, WINDSOR |
| Valtag #: | 0001981 | Mailing Address: | ON L6M 2Z6 |
| Valtag Expiry Date: | 2022-12-31 | | 99 EDEN DR, ETOBICOKE NL |
| Valtag Start Date: | 2021-01-01 | | M9A 3K7 |
| Permit #: | 00000000 | RIN: | 001-025-410 |
| Permit Issued: | 2022-02-08 | Stagger Date: | Dec-31 |
| Outstanding Fines: | \$0.00 | | |
| Toll: | \$0.00 | | |
| NSF: | \$0.00 | | |
| - NSF Penalty: | \$0.00 | Registered Vehicle Owner Information | |
| - Non-negotiable NSF: | +\$0.00 | Registered Owner: | TEST,IRP,INC |
| NSF Admin Fee: | \$0.00 | RIN: | 001-025-410 |
| Plate Series: | Passenger | Registered Address: | 9966 PARISH LANE, WINDSOR |
| Plate Registration Date: | 2020-05-12 | | ON L6M 2Z6 |
| Attached Vehicle | | Message | |
| VIN: | TSTIBC00C200512AA | Information: * - | |
| Vehicle Status: | Fit | HOT Permit Data | |
| Insurance Status: | Not Available | HOT Permit #: | |
| Class of Vehicle: | Passenger | | |
| Make: | XXXX | | |
| Model: | YYY | | |
| Colour: | Red | | |
| Year: | 2020 | | |
| Odometer: | 940944 km | | |
| Body Type: | 2 Door Sedan | | |
| File #: | 500007712 | | |
| Permit #: | 00000000 | | |
| Permit Issued: | 2022-02-08 | | |
| Brand: | Rebuilt | | |
| Number of Cylinders: | 4 | | |
| Motive Power: | Gasoline | | |

Registrant type identified here