

CHAPTER TWO

Renewing, Amending or Replacing Credential

The BMV issues three types of credentials – driver’s licenses, learner’s permits and identification cards. Once your credential has been issued, it is valid for a defined period of time and subject to renewal.

If you are outside of Indiana and meet certain requirements, you may obtain an interim credential until you return to Indiana. If your legal address, name or gender has not changed, you may renew your credential online at myBMV.com, if eligible. You may renew your credential online every other renewal. For a full listing of the online renewal, replacement and amended credentials requirements continue reading or visit myBMV.com.

Renewing a Credential

Your credential expires at midnight on your birthday. A probationary license expires when the card holder is 21 years and 30 days of age. If your birthday falls on a day when license branches are closed, your credential will expire at midnight on the next business day. You will be subject to a late fee if your credential is renewed after that date.

If you are renewing a driver’s license that has been expired for at least 180 days but not more than three years, you must pay a late fee, pass a knowledge test and pass a standard vision screening test.

If you are renewing a driver’s license or identification card that has been expired for more than three years, you must pay a late fee. Additionally, for a driver’s license renewal, you must pass a knowledge test, a driving skills test and a standard vision screening test.

A driver’s license or identification card may be renewed by U.S. citizens or individuals with permanent lawful status up to one year before the credential expiration. Individuals with lawful temporary status can only renew up to 30 days prior to the expiration of their current credential. A learner’s permit may be renewed up to 31 days before it expires.

If you are younger than 21 years of age and have any points on your driving record, or if you are at least 21 years of age and have six or more active points on your driving record, you must take the knowledge test to renew your driver’s license.

Driver’s License Renewal for United States Armed Forces Personnel

If you are temporarily living outside of Indiana because you are serving with the United States Armed Forces, your driver’s license remains valid for 90 days following your discharge from service or post deployment. If you meet certain requirements, you may renew your driver’s license online at myBMV.com. Visit myBMV.com for a listing of those requirements.

If your Indiana driver’s license is expired and you wish to obtain a renewed license after you have been discharged, you must visit a license branch and provide Department of Defense documentation that shows proof of your discharge or status as post deployment.

Amending a Credential

After you have legally changed any personal information, you will need to amend the information that appears on your credential. You may amend your credential at any license branch.

Changing Your Address

If you have an Indiana credential, you must notify the BMV of a change of your principal (legal) address and apply for an amended credential within 30 days of the address change.

You may change your mailing address online at myBMV.com.

To change your principal (legal) address on your driver’s license, learner’s permit or identification card, you must visit a license branch and present documents as described in [Appendix A](#).

Changing Your Name

You must visit a Social Security Administration office to officially change your name on Social Security documentation and allow at least one business day after your name change transaction is completed before visiting a license branch to amend your credential. You will need to visit a license branch and apply for an amended credential within 30 days of the legal name change. You must present documents as described in [Appendix A](#).

Changing Your Gender

If you have a gender change procedure and hold an Indiana credential, you must visit a license branch and apply for an amended credential that indicates the change. You must present a certified amended birth certificate, a physician's signed and dated statement, on letterhead, that includes the language from 140 IAC 7-1.1-3 "*<insert customer's name> successfully underwent all treatment necessary to permanently change <insert customer's name> gender from <insert old gender> to <insert new gender>*", or a Physician's Statement of Gender Change – State Form 55617, completed in its entirety by both the applicant and the physician.

Replacing a Credential

If you lose your credential or it is stolen, you may replace it by logging into your myBMV.com account and ordering a replacement, provided your name, gender or legal address information has not changed. You may order up to two replacements online before you are required to visit a license branch for a replacement. You may change your mailing address online; however, if any other information has changed, you cannot order a replacement online and you must visit a license branch to amend your credential within 30 days of the change and present documents as described in [Appendix A](#).