

SKIP THE TRIP FAQs

What is Skip the Trip?

This is a new and convenient mail-in renewal process (at no additional cost) for NJ licenses or non-driver IDs. Before Skip the Trip, most NJ drivers needed to visit an MVC agency to renew.

How do I Skip the Trip?

If you are eligible, you will receive a renewal form along with a notice inviting you to Skip the Trip. Simply complete the renewal form, enclose your check or money order* with the appropriate fee and drop it in the mail. A new driver's license or non-driver ID, featuring the existing photo and signature on file with the MVC, will be mailed to you within 10 business days after receipt of your payment.

*Customers cannot pay mail-in renewals with a credit card at this time.

What are some reasons why I might not be eligible to Skip the Trip and renew through the mail?

If you possess a Commercial Driver License (CDL) or Graduated Driver License (GDL), have an active suspension, have a Temporary Visa Restriction (TVR), have a boat license or boat endorsement, if you are required to have an ignition interlock device on your vehicle, or the MVC requires a new photo to be taken in-person, you are not eligible to renew through the mail at this time. Your renewal envelope will not include a notice.

Do I need to present 6 Points of Identification to Skip the Trip?

No. Due to new security measures in place, customers invited to Skip the Trip do not have to present 6 Points of Identification when renewing through the mail.

May I still renew at an MVC agency if I'm eligible to Skip the Trip?

Yes. However, all customers who visit an MVC agency to renew a driver's license or non-driver ID must present [6 Points of Identification](#) and proof of address, and have a new photo taken.

Since I cannot Skip the Trip, how do I renew?

Visit any one of the 39 MVC agencies and present your [6 Points of Identification](#) and proof of address, pay the required fee and you will be issued your new driver license or non-driver ID upon taking a new photo.

How long is my new license valid?

A NJ Driver's license is valid for four years.

It's the end of the month and my driver's license is due to expire, should I still renew by mail?

If you are within 20 days of the end of the month, you may want to visit an MVC agency rather than renew by mail in order to ensure that you will have your new driver's license in time. Keep in mind that a driver may be cited by law enforcement under N.J.S.A. 39:3-29 for failure to exhibit documents. This is a potential \$150 fine.

It's been over 10 business days since I renewed by mail but I did not receive my new document yet. What should I do?

Please keep in mind, licenses will be mailed 10 business days after receipt of your payment and not from the date your information was placed in the mail. If you have not received your documents within 20 days of mailing, please call MVC General Information at (609) 292-6500.

Is the driver's license or non-driver ID I renew through the mail different than the kind you issue at an MVC agency?

All driver's licenses and non-driver IDs issued by the MVC are valid for four years. Any document issued through the mail will feature the individual's existing photo and signature on file with the MVC. Documents issued at an agency will have a new photo taken at the time of the individual's visit.

I lost my Skip the Trip renewal notice. Can I still renew through the mail?

Unfortunately, the MVC is unable to replace the form. Due to specific coding on the renewal form, you cannot obtain a new Skip the Trip renewal. You will have to visit an MVC agency to renew.

How do I change my address when renewing through the mail?

If you have moved since your last license document was issued, we strongly suggest you change your address online before mailing your license/non-driver identification card renewal application. Please visit njmvc.gov to change your address with the NJ MVC. This will expedite your Skip the Trip application.

How do I make other changes to my license or non-driver ID, such as my organ donation status or changes to my endorsements/restrictions?

You can add the organ donor designation to your license or non-driver ID record at any time by registering online at donatelifenj.org. All other changes to your driver's license, with the exception of your address, must be made in person. Visit any one of the 39 MVC agencies and you will be able to make changes to your license or non-driver ID. All customers who visit an MVC agency to renew a driver's license or non-driver ID must present 6 Points of Identification and proof of address, and have a new photo taken.

Does it matter what color ink I use to fill out my application and check or money order?

Yes. To avoid processing problems, please use only black or blue ink.

Can I renew my license or non-driver ID online?

No. At this time, renewals can only be processed in-person at any one of the 39 MVC agencies or through the mail, for those who are eligible.

If I am under 21 years old and I hold a vertical (Under 21) license and I renew by mail, will my renewed license be the over 21 year old, horizontal license?

Unfortunately the only change that is allowable when renewing by mail is an address change. If you are under 21 and would like a license to reflect that you are over 21 you must visit your local agency to renew.

I am having my mail forwarded while I am away from my permanent residence. Will I receive my license at my temporary address?

No, mail from the MVC will not be forwarded. If you want your license sent to an address other than your permanent address, complete the mailing address portion of the application and check the box on the return envelope indicating a change was made. When you return to NJ, visit the MVC website to remove the temporary mailing address.