INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXTENSION DURING MILITARY DEPLOYMENT

Active duty military personnel (and immediate family members) who have been deployed, or are scheduled to be deployed, to a location outside of New Jersey have the opportunity to renew their driver license, non-driver identification card, or registration at any time during the six months preceding the member’s scheduled date of deployment. New Jersey law also provides that the expiration dates of such documents shall remain valid upon demobilization or return from duty and for a period of up to 90 days thereafter. N.J.S.A. 39:3-11.5a.

Upon proper request, you will be provided an administrative order to display to law enforcement should that be necessary. The administrative order will extend the expiration dates of your (and your immediate family’s) driver license, non-driver identification card, registration or vehicle inspection due date if any of the listed documents expire while you are deployed. The administrative order will also extend the expiration dates for up to 90 days after demobilization or return from duty.

In order to obtain the administrative order, you must mail, fax, or email copies of your deployment orders and your New Jersey driver’s license to the MVC as follows:

By email: MVC.militaryAO@mvc.nj.gov
By fax: (609) 984-5252
By phone: (609) 292-6500 Ext: 5076
By mail: NJ Motor Vehicle Commission
          Special Services - Out of State Unit
          P.O. Box 16
          Trenton, NJ 08666-016

Your request must also include the address, or email address, to which you wish the Commission to send the administrative order.

Each person entitled to the extensions provided by the administrative order must have in his or her possession, when operating a vehicle, his or her driver license, the vehicle registration certificate, a valid insurance identification card, official orders of deployment and a copy of the administrative order issued by the MVC.

For the purposes of the extensions provided under New Jersey law, “immediate family” means a spouse, domestic partner, partner in a civil union, child, stepchild, or other person under the legal guardianship of the active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States. N.J.S.A. 39:3-11.5a(d).

An extension will not result in waived fees at the time you are able to renew your driver license, non-driver identification card, or registration. Therefore, if it does not represent a physical or financial hardship to renew up to six months in advance of the expiration dates displayed on the applicable documents, or to have your vehicle inspected, please consider doing so.

If you have any questions regarding these instructions, you may contact the MVC General Information Unit at 609-292-6500.