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PRESS RELEASE

DMV WILL BEGIN OFFERING REAL ID COMPLIANT CARDS IN JANUARY

CONCORD, N.H. – The New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will begin offering REAL ID compliant driver licenses and non-driver identification cards on January 3, 2017. New Hampshire citizens are not required to obtain a REAL ID compliant driver license or non-driver identification card and will need to opt-in if they choose to participate.

For those who currently hold a valid New Hampshire driver license or a non-driver identification card, there is no need to immediately replace it. Current valid New Hampshire driver licenses and non-driver identification cards, whether REAL ID compliant or not, will continue to be accepted for federal identification purposes until October 1, 2020.

“We are happy to add the REAL ID compliant credential as an offering to our customers,” DMV Director Elizabeth Bielecki said. “Since all current licenses and non-driver IDs will still be accepted by airport security and for entrance into federal buildings until 2020, we want to be sure that those who can wait until their regular renewal do so to avoid creating longer than usual wait times at our DMV locations.”

In order to obtain a REAL ID driver license or non-driver identification card, customers must apply in person at any DMV location. Documents to prove identity and residency must be provided at the time of application. The most commonly used documents to prove identity include a social security card and either a certified copy of a birth certificate or an unexpired passport. Proof of residency, such as a valid, unexpired New Hampshire driver license or non-driver ID, utility bill or property tax bill, will also be required. A complete list of acceptable documents and additional information on REAL ID can be found on the DMV website at NH.GOV/DMV

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