



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Guidance Related to Coronavirus (COVID-19): 2021-22 School Year Residency Requirements

Background

As part of the District's response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is modifying certain policies related to residency verification.

Scope

This document contains guidance specific to residency verification requirements for enrolling students. For additional residency verification requirement guidance, please refer to the Office of Enrollment and Residency (OER) Handbook [here](#) as well as the OER website [here](#).

Effective Date

The policies outlined below will apply to all students enrolling for the 2021-22 school year. Enrollment for the 2021-22 school year began on April 2, 2021.

Policy Guidance

Extension of Expiration Dates on DC Department of Motor Vehicle Documents (DMV) - Updated

As part of the District's response to COVID-19, the DC Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) extended the expiration date for all documents that expired on or after March 1, 2020. In DMV guidance released on June 10, 2021, DC driver licenses and ID cards that expired after March 1, 2020, will no longer be valid as of Sept. 9, 2021.

This extension does not extend to the DC vehicle registrations which had to be renewed by June 1, 2021, per the DMV guidance released on April 19, 2021. Vehicle registrations that expired after March 1, 2020 are no longer valid as of June 1, 2021.

In response to these changes, DC driver licenses and ID cards that expired March 1, 2020 or after will no longer be valid as supporting residency documents for students enrolling as of Sept. 9, 2021. And as a reminder, vehicle registrations that expired March 1, 2020 or after are no longer valid as supporting residency documents for students that enrolled as of June 1, 2021. Both documents must be valid and unexpired as of the date of the school official's review.

This policy update supersedes prior guidance issued April 27, 2021. Should the DMV make any additional changes, OSSE will make parallel adjustments to expectations for supporting documents for residency verification.

Questions?

If you have questions relating to these policies please contact OSSE's Office of Enrollment and Residency at osse.residency@dc.gov.

For resources and additional information on the District of Columbia Government's coronavirus (COVID-19) response and recovery effort, including any out-of-District travel advisories, please visit coronavirus.dc.gov.