



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 April 19, 2021, vehicle registrations that expired after March 1, 2020 will no longer be valid as of June 1, 2021. In addition, DC driver licenses and ID cards that expired after March 1, 2020, will no longer be valid as of July 1, 2021.

In response to these changes, vehicle registrations that expired March 1, 2020 or after will no longer be valid as supporting residency documents for students enrolling as of June 1, 2021. In addition, 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 July 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 March 10, 2021. Should the DMV make any additional changes, OSSE will make parallel adjustments to expectations for supporting documents for residency verification.

Acceptance of Digital Vehicle Registration

An unexpired DC motor vehicle registration is a valid supporting document, in conjunction with one of the other valid supporting documents that require two submissions. OSSE will now

accept [DC DMV digital registration cards](#). The digital registration card must meet all document requirements as outlined in the OER Handbook.

Ability to Request Additional Documentation

As always, pursuant to 5A DCMR § 5002.5, even if appropriate documentation is submitted per this and other OSSE OER policies, schools and LEAs always have the ability to request additional documentation if they reasonably conclude that additional information is needed to verify the student's residency.

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.