In an effort to ensure greater security and identification protection for customers, and to comply with federal regulations, the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles is introducing a single, central point of production for state driver licenses and identification cards, effective July 2, 2018.

While customers will still go to a Deputy Registrar for license and identification card renewals or other transactions, they will receive their driver licenses and identification cards by mail rather than over the counter.

A temporary proof of transaction will be issued at a Deputy Registrar location.

To ensure greater security and identity protection for customers, and to comply with federal regulations, the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles is introducing a new Driver License and Identification card, which will be produced in a central location, and will be received by you through the mail.

Ohio Driver License and Identification cards, issued prior to July 2, 2018, will not be accepted by the Transportation Safety Administration (TSA) after October 1, 2020.
Beginning July 2, 2018, customers will be:

- Receiving their state driver licenses and identification cards by mail in about 10 days after visiting a Deputy Registrar;
- Receiving a temporary card/confirmation of driving privileges until the card arrives in the mail; and
- Having the option to have a driver license or identification card that is acceptable for federal identification purposes.

Centralizing the production of driver licenses and identification cards will reduce fraud and identity theft by:

- Ensuring driver licenses and identification cards are issued to legitimate cardholders only;
- Preventing loss and theft of secure materials from Deputy Registrar agencies; and
- Providing a more secure printing environment, sparing the costs associated with security renovations at local Deputy Registrar agencies.

New federal travel restrictions requiring secure identification go into effect October 2020 and Ohio is getting a jump-start on this process beginning July 2, 2018.

- Customers interested in using their state-issued credential for access to federal facilities or services, such as airport security screening by the Transportation Safety Administration for boarding commercial airlines, may choose to obtain a compliant credential that meets all federal requirements.
- Customers choosing this option when obtaining a new or renewed driver license or identification card will be required to provide documentation proving their name and date of birth, Social Security number such as a Social Security card, birth certificate or passport, and two additional documents proving residential address, such as utility bills.
- Customers not interested in or not needing to use their state-issued credential for federal identification purposes will have the option of obtaining a standard driver license or identification card without additional document requirements beyond those currently in place.

Deputy Registrars will continue to be part of the driver license and identification card issuance process.

Customers will still initiate driver license and identification card transactions by visiting a Deputy Registrar agency, presenting documents (as needed) and be photographed.

Driver licenses and identification cards will continue to be valid for four years and require a new photograph with every renewal.