

TITLE 9: VEHICLE CODE  
DIVISION 2: REGISTRATION AND LICENSES

**§ 2209. Expiration and Renewal of License or Identification Card.**

(a) All fees collected pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to offset its operational costs.

(b) Non-temporary driver's license or identification card.

(1) Non-temporary expiration. A non-temporary card shall expire on the holder's birth date in the third year following the issuance of the card.

(2) Non-temporary renewal. A non-temporary card shall be renewable on or before the expiration date.

(3) Penalty fee. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles is authorized to promulgate regulations to determine the appropriate penalty fee for any person renewing an expired non-temporary card.

(4) Exam required. Any person applying for renewal of a driver's license must comply with [9 CMC § 2206](#).

(5) Rules and regulations. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles is authorized to promulgate regulations to determine the appropriate procedures, documents, and information required for any person renewing a non-temporary card.

(6) Fee. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles is authorized to promulgate regulations to determine the appropriate fee for any person applying for an identification card. The Bureau shall consider the cost of issuing an identification card, maintaining the necessary equipment, and the current fees already in place.

(c) Temporary driver's license or identification card.

(1) General. If a person presents evidence under [9 CMC § 2207\(d\)\(5\)\(v\)-\(xi\)](#), then the Bureau of Motor Vehicles may only issue a temporary driver's license or identification card to the person.

(2) Fee. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles is authorized to promulgate regulations to determine the appropriate fee for any person applying for a temporary driver's license or temporary identification card. The Bureau shall consider the cost of issuing a temporary card, maintaining the necessary equipment, and the current fees already in place.

(3) Temporary expiration. A temporary card shall be valid only during the period of time the applicant's authorized stay in the United States or, if there is no definite end to the period of authorized stay, a period of one year.

(4) Display of expiration date. A temporary card shall clearly indicate that it is temporary and shall state the date on which it expires.

(5) Temporary card renewal. A temporary card may be renewed only upon presentation of valid documentary evidence that the status by which the applicant qualified for the temporary card has been extended by the Secretary of Homeland Security or the applicant otherwise continues to qualify for lawful status.

(6) Rules and regulations. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles is authorized to promulgate regulations to determine the appropriate procedures, documents, and information required for any person renewing a temporary card.

(7) Penalty fee. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles is authorized to promulgate regulations to determine the appropriate penalty fee for any person renewing an expired temporary card.

**Source:** [PL 3-61](#), § 1 (§ 220); subsection (a) amended by [PL 11-110](#), § 2; amended by [PL 19-58](#) § 4 (Aug. 1, 2016), modified.

**Commission Comment:** PL 11-110 that amended subsection (a) of this section took effect December 21, 1999. [PL 11-110](#) contained purpose, severability, and savings clause provisions as follows:

Section 1. Purpose. To allow motor vehicle operators whose operator's license expired the opportunity to renew their license within thirty (30) working days after the expiration date without any penalty such as having to retake the prescribed examination.

Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Savings Clause. This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of this Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence at the date this Act becomes effective.

[PL 19-58](#) became effective on August 1, 2016.

The Commission changed the capitalization of some terms in (b) and (c) for the purpose of conformity pursuant to [1 CMC § 3806\(f\)](#). The Commission changed "drivers' license" to "driver's license" in (b) and (c) pursuant to [1 CMC § 3806\(g\)](#).