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November start for new secure driver's licence and general identification card

WHITEHORSE – New secure driver's licences and general identification cards will start being issued at Motor Vehicles offices throughout Yukon during the first two weeks of November.

"The Yukon government is committed to providing secure government-issued identification for all Yukoners while keeping fees low," Community Services Minister Archie Lang said. "The secure driver's licence and general identification card will protect against identity theft and forgery, and make it easier for people when traveling."

Yukoners are reminded that they don't have to rush in to get a new secure driver's licence as all current licences are still valid until their expiry date.

New application requirements ensure that the identification will be widely accepted as reliable and secure. As part of the new process, all applicants are required to provide documents that provide proof of identity, date of birth, and Yukon residency.

Yukon residents will find more information in their mailboxes over the next week. The roll-out schedule is available at www.community.gov.yk.ca and will be posted in communities. Please visit the website or call Motor Vehicles at 667-5315 or 1-800-661-0408, extension 5315 for more information.

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See backgrounder below.

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Backgrounder: New driver's licence application and renewal process from November 1, 2010

What do you need the first time you apply?

Two documents to prove Yukon residency, such as Yukon health card, utility bill, bank or property tax statement, most recent tax return.

Government-issued proof of identity showing

- photo and signature – such as a Canadian driver’s licence, passport, Customs and Immigration Canada (CIC) documents, or secure Indian Status Card;
- date of birth – such as your birth certificate, CIC documents, or secure Indian Status Card; and
- current legal name – such as your birth certificate, marriage certificate or legal name change documents.

If you are under 18, your parent must accompany you to sign the application and both of you must provide proof of identity and Yukon residency. Check our website for details.

Fees

\$50 for a new five-year driver’s licence (fee has not changed)

\$25 for a new five-year general identification card

\$15 to replace either card or exchange your current Yukon driver’s licence

Why are these cards secure?

- The card has many security features that make it tamper resistant and prevent forgery.
- The application process is changing so that your identity, age, and residency status are verified. The application process makes the identification secure and reliable and means that Yukon’s new driver’s licence and general identification cards meet national standards and will be widely accepted across North America.

When are they available?

Whitehorse

November 1-3 New driver’s licences and general identification cards. Current Yukon driver’s licence November renewals only

November 4 Open for all applicants, including replacement licences

Communities

November 2 Dawson City, Watson Lake

November 4 Teslin, Mayo

Week of Nov. 8 Haines Junction, Carcross, Carmacks, Faro

How to find out more

- Visit www.community.gov.yk.ca
- Call Motor Vehicles at 667-5315 or 1-800-661-0408 ext 5315
- Visit Motor Vehicles offices in Whitehorse, Carcross, Carmacks, Dawson City, Faro, Haines Junction, Mayo, Teslin and Watson Lake
- Look for a poster in your community

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