



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

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NOTICE TO ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES Extension of Motor Vehicle Registrations Through May 15, 2020

What is the purpose of this notice?

Due to concerns regarding the COVID-19 coronavirus, the Georgia Department of Revenue's Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) is extending motor vehicle registrations for Georgia residents that would expire on or after March 16, 2020. MVD is automatically extending those registrations through and including Friday, May 15, 2020.

That means that motorists may continue to drive on Georgia's highways and roads using a vehicle registered in Georgia with a registration expiration date on or after March 16, 2020, even if the vehicle does not have a replacement 2020 decal. However, motorists must still meet insurance requirements and comply with all other state rules and regulations regarding the vehicle other than timely registration with the local county tag office.

What do I need to do as a driver or vehicle owner?

Most motor vehicle owners can renew their registration online at dor.georgia.gov/motor-vehicles. If you can, please do so. Having a current 2020 decal will decrease your chances of being pulled over by a law enforcement officer. If your local county tag office is open, you can also renew your registration at the county tag office.

For those motor vehicle owners that cannot renew their registration online or get to the county tag office before their motor vehicle's registration expires, you may rely on this bulletin if your motor vehicle's registration expired on or after March 16, 2020. Print a copy of this bulletin and place it in your glovebox.

MVD is also sending copies of this bulletin to Georgia law enforcement agencies, but all officers may not receive the notice before conducting a traffic stop (and officers in other states may not receive it at all). If a law enforcement officer states that the motor vehicle does not have a current decal, the driver can present a copy of this bulletin to notify the officer of the automatic extension granted by MVD.

What do I need to know as a law enforcement officer?

Some Georgia motorists whose registration expires on or after March 16, 2020 will not be able to register their vehicles and obtain a 2020 decal due to the closure of county tag offices. Therefore, MVD is granting an extension for vehicles registered in Georgia with a registration expiration date on or after March 16, 2020. Such motor vehicles without a current 2020 decal should not be treated as out of compliance with the registration and decal requirements until Saturday, May 16, 2020.



For more information, please visit the Motor Vehicle Division website at dor.georgia.gov/motor-vehicles or scan the QR code.