

**Kansas New Driver's License and Identification Card and
Central Issue Driver License System
Frequently Asked Questions**

1) Why did Kansas elect to upgrade its system, and why is it "Central Issue"?

Kansas elected to go to a "Central Issue" system (where the document is returned to the applicant by mail) for several reasons.

- Central issue card production is less costly than producing documents over the counter.
- More document security features are available for centrally produced documents.
- State law requires verification of all facts relating to the applicants application, including verifying their name, address and social security number. The same laws require the Division to issue a temporary document while these verifications are being done. (K.S.A. 8-240, K.S.A. 8-1324).

The new system allows for production of a more secure card, helping to prevent fraud. The new system allows for the production of the vertical card, making it easier for retailers and others to identify minors. Additional benefits include: a durable, longer lasting card; improved technology to prevent counterfeiting, alterations, and identity theft.

2) When will the first new documents be issued?

The first new documents will appear in May of 2004. The first offices using the new system will be Topeka, Emporia and Holton. By the end of June all offices in Kansas (DL offices and counties) will be issuing the new cards.

3) How long will my old license be valid?

Previously issued Kansas driver's licenses and identification cards will remain valid until their expiration date. However, Kansas residents may obtain a new document by requesting a replacement and paying the associated fee.

4) How can I tell if I am looking at a license or identification card held by a minor?

The minor license or identification cards will be printed in a vertical format. Depending upon the age at the time the card was issued, it will contain statements indicating the date at which the bearer turns 18 and turns 21. These statements appear under the photo: "Not 21 until xx/xx/xxxx" in a red bar or "Not 18 until xx/xx/xxxx" in a green bar.

5) What is the organ donor symbol and where does it appear?

The organ donor symbol, which is made up of the words "organ donor" and a red heart appears on the front of the card.

6) What information is being stored in the bar codes and magnetic stripe on the back of the license?

It is the same information as is shown on the front of the license. The information contained in the barcodes and magnetic stripe on the back of the license includes the license number, date of birth, name, address, issue date, expiration date, class, endorsement and restriction information. The barcode does NOT contain the photo or signature.

7) Who benefits from the new license?

In addition to the cardholder, those that benefit from the new license include, the DMV, county treasurers, law enforcement officials and retailers of age sensitive products.

8) What does Kansas get with the new system?

The new system provides new equipment and software for all examining and issuance locations. This upgrade will allow for better customer service and reduced waiting times at the field locations.

9) Did Kansas purchase this system?

No, Kansas has contracted with Digimarc ID Systems on a "per card produced" transaction fee that provides for the hardware, software, materials and maintenance of the system. We pay for the system as we use the system.

10) Will there be two license types produced for a certain period of time?

Yes. All current cards that are issued will remain valid until their expiration date. As a result, two card types will exist for approximately six years.

11) Can I obtain a duplicate copy of my temporary receipt if it is lost, stolen or destroyed?

No, there is no provision for duplicating a temporary receipt. Do not lose it, wash it, leave it laying in the sun, or laminate it. Thermal paper turns black when heated, and the information on it will no longer be legible.