CHAPTER 73. PHOTOGRAPHIC DRIVER’S LICENSE

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The provisions of this Chapter 73 adopted February 22, 1980, effective February 23, 1980, 10 Pa.B. 857, unless otherwise noted.

§ 73.1. Purpose.
This chapter provides standards and procedures for the issuance, renewal and replacement of photographic driver’s licenses as provided for in 75 Pa.C.S. § 1510(a) (relating to issuance and content of driver’s license).

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§ 73.2. Definitions.
The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Photo center—A location designated by the Department where applicants for renewal, replacement or initial issuance of a driver’s license may surrender their camera card, have their photograph taken and receive a photographic driver’s license.

Photographic driver’s license—A driver’s license issued at a photo center which bears a color photograph of the licensee.

Senior citizen—An applicant for replacement or initial issuance of a driver’s license who is at least 65 years of age at the time of application or an applicant for renewal of a driver’s license which expires on or after the 65th birthday of the applicant.

Valid-without-photo driver’s license—A driver’s license which does not bear a photograph of the licensee and is issued under § 73.3(c) (relating to application) in lieu of a photographic driver’s license.
§ 73.3. Application.

(a) Initial issuance. Application for an initial issuance of a photographic driver’s license shall be made at a driver examination station in this Commonwealth. An applicant shall provide his name, address, date of birth, height, eye color, social security number and the original or certified copy of one of the following documents verifying the applicant’s date of birth and identity:

1. Birth certificate.
2. Passport.
5. Marriage record.
7. Immigration certificate.
8. Selective service identification card.
11. Alien registration card.
12. Expired Pennsylvania driver’s license.
14. Nonresident driver’s license.

(b) Camera card. Issuance of camera cards shall conform with the following:

1. A qualified applicant for renewal, replacement or initial issuance of a driver’s license shall receive a camera card which may be used to receive a photographic or valid without photo driver’s license until the expiration date specified on the camera card. The camera card is valid as a driver’s license for a period of 60 days from the date of validation by the Department.
2. If a camera card is mutilated, lost, stolen, destroyed or becomes illegible, the person to whom it was issued shall obtain a replacement camera card upon payment of the required fee.

(c) Photo center. Except as provided in subsection (d), holders of a camera card shall go to a photo center to have their photograph taken and provide the following:

1. Their signature on a form prescribed by the Department. The signature of a witness is required if the applicant makes a mark in lieu of a signature. The witness shall be in possession of one of the documents specified in paragraph (3) verifying the identity of the witness.
(2) Their social security number, height and eye color.
(3) One of the following forms of identification bearing the camera card holder’s signature:
   (i) Passport.
   (iv) Pennsylvania photographic driver’s license.
   (v) Pennsylvania photographic identification card.
   (vi) Photographic employe identification card.
   (vii) Photographic military identification card.
   (viii) Pennsylvania vehicle registration card.
   (ix) Pennsylvania photographic welfare card.
   (x) Photographic bank identification card.
   (xi) Weapons permit.
   (xii) Photographic school identification card.
   (xiii) Voter registration card.
   (xiv) Medicare card.
   (xv) Pennsylvania learner’s permit or a temporary license issued by the Pennsylvania State Police.
   (xvi) Nonresident driver’s license.
(d) Exemptions. Exemptions include the following:
   (1) A person who will be temporarily residing outside of this Commonwealth as a result of employment, military service or attendance at an educational institution, or the spouse or dependent child who resides with the person, may apply for a valid-without-photo driver’s license in lieu of a photographic driver’s license if one of the following applies:
      (i) In the case of a renewal, that the applicant will be absent for the entire 60-day period preceding the scheduled expiration of his driver’s license.
      (ii) In the case of a replacement or initial issuance, that the applicant will be absent for the entire 60-day validity period of the camera card.
   (2) The Department may also allow a person to apply for a valid-without-photo driver’s license in lieu of a photographic driver’s license due to a public or private emergency.
   (3) Upon termination of the emergency or the temporary residence outside of this Commonwealth, the holder of a valid-without-photo driver’s license shall apply for a photographic driver’s license within 45 days of the holder’s return to this Commonwealth.
   (4) The Department may also allow a person to apply for a valid-without-photo driver’s license in lieu of a photographic driver’s license upon certifica-
tion that having a photograph taken would violate the tenets of the holder’s religion or religious beliefs.

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Cross References

This section cited in 67 Pa. Code § 73.2 (relating to definitions).

§ 73.4. Expiration.

(a) Initial issuance or renewal. A renewed or initially issued photographic or valid without photo driver’s license shall expire on the last day of the month of the birthdate of the licensee no less than 37 months nor more than 48 months from the date of validation by the Department.

(b) Senior citizens. A photographic or valid without photo driver’s license which is renewed by or initially issued to a senior citizen shall expire on the last day of the month of the birthdate of the licensee not less than 13 months nor more than 24 months from the date of validation by the Department, unless the senior citizen requests that the license expire as provided in subsection (a).

(c) Replacement. A replacement photographic or valid without photo driver’s license shall retain the expiration date of the driver’s license that it replaces.

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Cross References

This section cited in 67 Pa. Code § 73.5 (relating to fees).

§ 73.4a. Renewal.

(a) Normal renewal. During the 60-day period preceding the expiration of a driver’s license, the licensee may apply for renewal on a form, provided by the Department, accompanied by the appropriate fee.

(b) Early renewal. An applicant who is unable or unavailable to apply for and receive a photographic driver’s license under subsection (a), may apply for early renewal during the 6-month period prior to the expiration of his driver’s license.

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The provisions of this § 73.4a adopted July 22, 1988, effective July 23, 1988, 18 Pa.B. 3214.
§ 73.5. Fees.
(a) Driver’s license. The fee for a photographic driver’s license, or valid-without-photo driver’s license which expires according to the provisions of:
   (1) Section 73.4(a) (relating to expiration) is $20, plus the cost of the photograph.
   (2) Section 73.4(b) is $10, plus the cost of the photograph.
(b) Replacement driver’s license. The fee for a replacement photographic driver’s license, or replacement valid-without-photo driver’s license, is $5, plus the cost of the photograph.
(c) Replacement camera card. The fee for a replacement camera card shall be $5.
(d) Cost of photograph. The Department will publish a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin at least 30 days prior to the effective date of a change in the cost of the photograph.

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§ 73.6. Replacement; change in material information.
(a) Replacement. If a driver’s license or camera card is lost, stolen, destroyed, mutilated or becomes illegible, a replacement may be obtained upon submission of an application on a form provided by the Department, together with the required fee.
(b) Error or change in information. If material information on a driver’s license has changed, or is now unintentionally in error, from the information originally set forth, the licensee shall apply to the Department, within 15 days of the change or discovery of the error, for a corrective endorsement card, which will be issued by the Department without charge.

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§ 73.7. [Reserved].

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