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MVD Issues Revised Regulations to Obtain a Driving Authorization Card or non-federally compliant ID

Santa Fe, N.M. – Today, the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD) announced revised regulations that explain the requirements to obtain a Driving Authorization Card (DAC) and non-federally compliant ID card. These changes simplify the requirements and increase the accessibility of a DAC or non-compliant ID card in New Mexico.

The revisions do the following:

- Applicants no longer need to provide proof of an identification number (via a SSN or an ITIN in addition to other identity documents).
- One (1) document can be used to prove both identity and age, so long as it contains name and date of birth. Previously, two (2) documents were required.
- Expands the list of documents MVD will accept to prove identity and/or age.
- Expands the list of documents MVD will accept to prove New Mexico residency.
- Requires only one (1) document to prove New Mexico residency for applicants who are experiencing homelessness.

“These regulatory revisions create greater access to a credential for New Mexico residents who do not want or need a REAL ID,” said John Monforte, Acting Secretary of the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department.

Currently, MVD issues two types of driving credentials and ID cards—a REAL ID-compliant driver’s license and ID card to New Mexicans who can meet federal requirements and a non-REAL ID driving credential, otherwise known as a Driving Authorization Card, and ID card to New Mexicans who cannot meet the federal requirements or do not want a REAL ID.

Applicants seeking a Driving Authorization Card or non-federally compliant ID card, who are homeless or in temporary lodging, may provide an affidavit or notarized letter from a representative of a New Mexico governmental entity, not-for-profit organization, assisted care facility, adult assisted living facility, homeless shelter, transitional service provider, or halfway

house certifying to the address where the applicant resides or receives services to prove their residency.

The MVD will train all staff and contractors on the revised requirements and will update all information given to the public and will translate materials into Spanish. Additionally, MVD revised the affirmation applicants for the DAC and non-federally compliant ID card must sign to be advised the credential may not be acceptable for federal purposes after October 2020. The MVD will also inform New Mexicans previously denied a Driving Authorization Card or non-federally compliant ID card about their options to resolve the reason for the denial and their right to appeal the department's decision.

In recent years, MVD has made enormous improvements in customer service. MVD has implemented a new computer system, which replaces the MVD's 25-year-old computer system, reduced wait times and launched the Mobile Unit to serve rural communities across New Mexico.

The New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division, a division of the Taxation and Revenue Department, is responsible for administering driver's licenses and vehicle registrations in New Mexico. MVD operates 33 field offices and partners with municipalities and private vendors across the state to administer services to New Mexicans. For more information on this matter, the Motor Vehicle Division can be contacted online at www.mvd.newmexico.gov and by phone at (888) 683-4636.

To view a copy of the revised requirements, including an updated list of acceptable documents for a Driving Authorization Card (DAC) or non-federally compliant ID card, click here.

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