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EXPIRED ONTARIO DRIVER LICENCES
EXTENDED

On August 24, 2009, the Government of Ontario, by regulation under the Ontario Highway Traffic Act, **extended the validity of driver's licences expiring after that date.** The extension applies to drivers who would have been required to successfully complete an examination to renew their licence, such as novice drivers, drivers of large recreational vehicles, and truck and bus drivers.

The extension applies to the following driver's licences that require the successful completion of an examination (vision, knowledge, and/or road test) in order to be renewed at a DriveTest Centre:

- o Commercial classes (A, B, C, D, E, F and Z (air brake));
- o Novice classes (G1, M1, G2, M2); and,
- o Class G drivers having attained the age of 70 years and over.

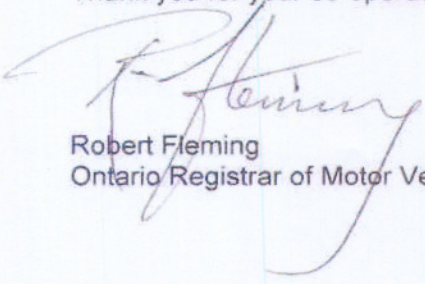
Any of the above noted licences classes that expired after August 24, 2009, have been automatically extended under the regulation. If there is uncertainty as to whether or not a driver's licence is addressed by this regulation, a police officer may call ServiceOntario at (416) 235-2999 or at 1-800-387-3445 (within Canada). Such checks may take some time and may require the officer to await the information before considering further action regarding the driver.

We anticipate that this extension will remain in place until July 1, 2010. This will allow drivers to travel outside of Ontario and ensure they have enough time to renew their licence upon return to Ontario.

A copy of the regulation can be obtained at:

http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/source/regs/english/2009/elaws_src_regs_r09318_e.htm

Thank you for your co-operation.



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