



Frequently Asked Questions by Allies about the New "Driver's Privilege Card"

If my license is not expired, can I still renew it?

Yes you can! In that case, you will need to bring \$15 with you.

If I have a SS Card, will I need to show it even though this type of driver's license doesn't require an SS card?

The VT DMV requires anybody who has a SS # to provide it.

What is the main difference between this license and the license I already have?

Good question! To start, it looks exactly the same, except that it says it is "not for federal identification" and also says "Driver's Privilege Card" instead of "Driver's License". Also, this type of license has to be renewed every two years.

What does that mean "not for federal identification"?

Well, it *may* not count as identification at airports or in federal buildings. There may be some federal buildings or airports where they let you use this license as valid identification, but, since it has yet to be tested, we recommend that you always bring a back up passport in case.

Will I get the license right then and there?

The DMV will give you a temporary "driver's privilege card" on the spot and then you will receive a permanent one in the mail in about 7-10 business days.

Why is this worth it for me?

It is worth it in order to show your support and unity for our migrant farmworker members, who are asking Migrant Justice's allies to get the same license as they are. We fear that this license could have a Scarlet Letter effect if only possessed by undocumented residents, and we ask that you help prevent

this effect by getting one of these licenses too. Logistically, it is no different to obtain one of these licences as it is to renew the license that you already have.

One ally recently explained, " 'I'm getting the license because it's a very real, material way to support my farmworker neighbors in this state. If only farmworkers without Social Security numbers get this, it could feed into the racial profiling that already is done by many members of law enforcement: when an officer sees a card that they believe is only held by farmworkers, they may immediately jump to the conclusion that they are undocumented and call up Border Patrol. If instead this is a license held by farmworkers and by allies, this would not be the case. An officer would know that this is a broadly held license available to anyone living in Vermont, and that there are many people on the road using them with of a wide range of immigration and citizenship statuses' "

If I can't go on the 17th, can or should I still get one?

Of course! You can definitely go by yourself or with a group whenever it works for you, but Migrant Justice encourages you to team up with other allies and self-organize your own "Day of Action" at the DMV. We can support you in connecting with other allies if need be, and also ask that you take a picture with your new temporary license and send it over to us as soon as you can. We plan to compile an exciting and encouraging media presentation to rally support for this huge victory!

Is there an equivalent card for non-drivers?

Yes there is. There is a \$15 renewal charge for the equivalent card for non-drivers.

Can I hold my current license or current a non-driver identification card and this new type of license at once (so as to verify my identity in federal buildings and airports)?

To our knowledge, you cannot have 2 valid forms of identifications from the VT DMV.

I'm worried about this new type of license because it may not verify my identity for federal purposes and I don't have a passport. How much does a passport cost?

A U.S. passport will cost \$60 at the bare minimum and can run anywhere up to \$165. This may pose a serious financial setback, and we understand if the new license being offered does not work for you at this time. For those who are willing to travel with a passport we hope you will join us in solidarity.

(Please call Migrant Justice at 802-658-6770 if your question was not answered here)