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Gov. Andy Beshear Announces Opening of New, Larger Driver Licensing Regional Office in Louisville

Will eventually replace current office on Dixie Highway; part of statewide network for issuing standard and REAL ID licenses, IDs

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Dec. 8, 2022) – Today, Gov. Andy Beshear announced the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) has opened a new Driver Licensing Regional Office in the Valley Station area of Jefferson County.

The new office, at 6202 Willismore Drive, in Louisville, will eventually replace a smaller regional office on Dixie Highway.

The new office, currently designated Dixie Highway/Willismore, is near the interchange of Dixie Highway and the Gene Snyder Freeway. Business hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern. Appointments are available at <u>www.drive.ky.gov</u> and walk-in customers are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

KYTC's regional offices provide modern, secure licensing and credentialing services to Kentuckians, with options, such as online appointment scheduling, that were not available under Kentucky's previous system of license issuance at local circuit court clerk offices.

Other options in the new system include:

- Online or mail-in license renewal, a convenience some 300,000 Kentuckians have used so far.
- A choice between a standard-issue or REAL ID-compliant credential.
- Four-year or eight-year expiration date.
- Ability to visit any regional office, regardless of residence.

"While the transfer of license issuance to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet took effect this summer, continuous improvement remains a focus. This office expands capacity for office visitors

while the statewide system boosts card security and offers convenient new services, like online renewal," Gov. Beshear said.

Information on each renewal method is available here.

In addition to the new office and the current Dixie Highway location, there are three other regional offices in Jefferson County: Louisville/Hurstbourne, 9112 Leesgate Rd.; Nia Center, 2900 West Broadway, and Louisville/Bowman Field, 3501 Roger E. Schupp.

Statewide, there are 28 other regional offices at Bellevue, Bowling Green, Burlington, Catlettsburg, Columbia, Covington, Danville, Elizabethtown, Frankfort, Henderson, Hopkinsville, Independence, Jackson, Lexington/Leestown, Lexington/Spindletop, London, Madisonville, Manchester, Mayfield, Maysville, Morehead, Owensboro, Paducah, Pikeville, Pineville, Prestonsburg, Richmond and Somerset.

Driver testing is conducted by Kentucky State Police (KSP). Applicants requiring written or skills testing must schedule an appointment online at assigned locations by visiting <u>kentuckystatepolice.org/driver-testing/.</u>

Circuit court clerks historically provided driver's licenses and state identification card services in each county, but a majority of clerks asked KYTC to take over issuing REAL IDs. Legislation was passed in 2020 that transitioned REAL ID services, as well as other driver licensing and state ID services, to KYTC. The migration of services was completed in June 2022.

First-time REAL ID applicants must visit a KYTC regional office <u>in person</u>, with proof of identity, residence and social security. For a personalized list of required documents to bring when applying, visit <u>realidky.com</u>. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has set May 7, 2025, as the date by which a REAL ID or other form of verified identification will be required for boarding a commercial airliner or entering a military base of other installation at which ID is required.

EDITORS NOTE: Click <u>here</u> for a PDF map of Driver Licensing Regional Offices with addresses.

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