Renewal tips

• Renew online at ExpressSOS.com or at a self-service kiosk for fast, convenient service.

• Change of address – Online: Submit a change of address at ExpressSOS.com. By mail: Draw a line through the incorrect information on your renewal notice and clearly print your new address, including your county.

• Renew before your registration expires and avoid the $10 late fee.

• You have 30 days after you renew to put your tab on your license plate.

• Be careful when on the Internet. Some “official” looking websites will renew your license plate for an additional service fee. The Secretary of State’s Office doesn’t charge an additional service fee to renew a license plate or a driver’s license. Make sure you are on the official Michigan Secretary of State website. Look for https://www.michigan.gov/sos” at the start of the web address.

• If your renewal notice states “Proof of Insurance Required,” you must provide a valid, no-fault vehicle insurance certificate issued within the last 30 days.

• If you provide false information or fraudulent documents when applying for a plate or renewing your vehicle, any fees you have paid won’t be refunded and your registration and license plate will be canceled. You also may be charged with a crime and liable for additional fines and jail time.

• Have a question or need help with your plate renewal? Call the Department of State Information Center at 888-SOS-MICH (767-6424) or email SOSWebmaster@Michigan.gov.

Branch office hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Wednesday – 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
(A few offices are only open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

Some branch offices have extended hours on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and a few offer Saturday hours from 9 a.m. to noon.
Check the Branch Office Locator at Michigan.gov/SOS for complete hours and services.

Some offices close for lunch.
All offices close on state holidays.

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ExpressSOS.com
1. Select “Vehicle Services” and follow the screen prompts.
2. Need a new license plate? You can buy one online, including a personalized plate.
3. Pay with a Discover, MasterCard or Visa debit or credit card* or e-check.

Self-service kiosk
1. Visit a self-service kiosk at a Secretary of State office or at select retail and city buildings.
2. Follow the screen prompts.
3. Pay with a Discover, MasterCard or Visa debit or credit card.*

Mail
1. If ordering a new plate, fill out your Renewal-by-Mail license plate order form.
2. Make your check or money order payable to the State of Michigan.
3. Mail your renewal notice, payment and proof of insurance in the envelope provided. Or send your renewal to Michigan Department of State, 7064 Crowner Drive, Lansing, MI 48980-0001.

In person
1. Visit any Secretary of State office.
2. Bring your proof of insurance.
3. Pay with Discover, MasterCard and Visa debit or credit cards,* cash, check or money order.

* A processing fee is charged for debit and credit card use.

Plate guide
Renewing by mail: Use the following plate guide to fill out your Renewal-by-Mail license plate order form when ordering a plate.

Standard and graphic plates - ($5 new or replacement)
- Pure Michigan PM
- Mackinac Bridge MAC
- Spectacular Peninsulas SP

University fundraising plates - ($35 new; $10 to renew)
- CMU 04
- EMU 05
- FSU 06
- GVSU 07
- LSSU 08
- MSU 09
- MTU 10
- NMU 11
- OU 12
- SVSU 13
- UM 14
- UMD 15
- UMF 16
- WSU 17
- WMU 18

Special cause fundraising plates - ($35 new; $10 to renew)
- Water Quality 27
- Ag Heritage 28
- Vet Memorial 29
- Wildlife 30
- Lighthouses 31
- Protect Children 32
- Olympic 33
- USA 34
- Boy Scouts 36
- Donate Life 37
- Ducks Unlimited 38
- Breast Cancer Awareness 39
- Michigan Vets 40
- Be the Match 41
- Red Wings 42
- Tigers 43
- Lions 44
- Pistons 45