

ADVISORY 2009-11

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To: All County Boards of Elections

Re: New Ohio Driver's License and Identification Cards

This Secretary of State advisory serves as notice to county boards of elections regarding Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) format changes to the Ohio driver's license (DL) and identification (ID) cards.

The new format on the card(s) includes several notable changes in appearance and includes additional security features. Changes include the following:

- The license has been changed to a salmon color.
- The design now includes the addition of a State of Ohio outline logo which indicates the type of card (e.g., driver's license, commercial driver license, temporary instruction permit, and/or identification card).
- The main photo now appears in the top left-hand corner.
- A photo ghost image appears on the right side of the card.
- The individual's information lines are now numbered to assist law enforcement.
- There is no longer a "table of contents" on the back of the DL or ID with the entire list of driving restrictions. Only restrictions applying to the individual are listed and will be abbreviated. If the individual has no driving restrictions, no restrictions will be listed on the back of the DL. This change occurred in November 2008 as part of an initial round of changes.
- The magnetic strip will now identify males or females with a designation of 1 or 2 respectively.

In preparation for upcoming and future poll workers training, and to ensure that boards of elections and poll workers are aware of the new format, the Secretary of State's office has included samples of the newly formatted driver's license and identification cards in the updated **Addendum No. 2 to Directive 2008-80 Examples of Ohio and Military Identification Cards**. A copy of the addendum is provided with this advisory.

All county boards of elections should provide information on the updated DL and ID card format in their instructions to their poll workers. All counties must provide a copy of the updated addendum in their polling place supplies.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the elections administrators at 614-466-2585.

Sincerely,

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