

State	Military Clause / Exceptions	Extension Length	Temporary / Substitute License	Remote Renewal (Mail/Online)	Governing Statute / Code
Alabama	AL DL remains valid while deployed outside the U.S. when carried with active orders (§32-6-1.1).	Through deployment; no statutory grace window specified.	Carry orders with expired AL DL.	Early renewal up to 1 year prior; mail options when applicable.	Ala. Code Title 32, Ch. 6 (Drivers' Licenses)
Alaska	Military Expiration Endorsement extends validity while on active duty and 90 days after discharge/return (2 AAC 90.430).	90 days after discharge/return (earlier of the two).	Military Expiration Endorsement (carry with DL).	Online/mail renewal options vary; endorsement suffices while away.	2 AAC 90.430; AS 28.15.101(d)
Arizona	No blanket automatic extension; ADOT MVD allows renewal by mail for active-duty stationed out of state/OCONUS.	N/A – maintain currency via mail renewal before expiration.	Mail renewal credential; carry military ID and orders as needed.	Renew by mail through MVD for out-of-state military.	A.R.S. Title 28 (Transportation), Ch. 8 (Licensing)
Arkansas	Extension available; extended license valid until 60 days after separation (§27-16-902).	Until 60 days after separation.	Extension/notation by ODS.	Renewal by mail available for out-of-state.	Ark. Code Ann. Title 27, Ch. 16 (Driver's Licenses)
California	CVC §12817: DL remains in force while in Armed Forces/Foreign Service and 30 days after return; DMV issues DL 236 card.	Service + 30 days after return.	DL 236 Extension of License card.	Mai/phone renewal; card suffices while away.	Cal. Veh. Code §12817
Colorado	Active duty may request an extension (e.g., DR 2342) up to 3 years; CDL different rules.	Up to 3 years (non-CDL).	Extension card/letter issued by DMV.	Online/mail options; submit extension request.	Colo. Rev. Stat. Title 42, Art. 2 (Driver's Licenses)
Connecticut	No blanket automatic extension; DMV allows renewal by mail/online; statute gives 60 days after honorable discharge to renew (§14-41).	60 days after honorable discharge to complete renewal.	None statewide; use mail/online renewal.	Renew by mail/online while away.	Conn. Gen. Stat. ch. 246; § 14-36 et seq.
Delaware	Active-duty military, DoD civilians/contractors, and dependents stationed/deployed outside DE may renew by mail; late fees waived with proof of deployment/stationing.	N/A (renew by mail; late fees waived).	None; DMV may issue temporary credential case-by-case.	Renew by mail with documentation.	21 Del. C., ch. 27 (Driver's License)
Florida	Class E automatic extension for member, spouse, dependents living with member while outside FL; valid to 90 days after discharge/return (§322.121(5)).	Until 90 days after discharge/return.	FLHSMV Military Extension Card (carry with DL + military ID).	Online renewal; affidavit for extension.	Fla. Stat. §322.121(5) (renewals); FLHSMV policy
Georgia	If DL expires while on active duty outside GA, 6-month grace after discharge/return (§40-5-37).	6 months after discharge/return.	Carry military ID/orders.	Mai/online renewal available (DDS).	O.C.G.A. Title 40, ch. 5 (Drivers' Licenses)
Hawaii	If license expired while deployed outside the U.S., it remains valid for 90 days after return to the U.S.; renew through issuing county (HRS §286-106.5).	90 days after return to the U.S.	Carry expired license + military ID; county processes renewal.	Renew by mail through county if applicable.	Haw. Rev. Stat. ch. 286
Idaho	Military driver's license extension available via ITD Form 3153; extension up to 4 years while deployed/out of state; expires 60 days after separation.	Up to 4 years; expires 60 days after separation.	Extension card/notation issued; carry with DL.	Renew by mail/online; submit Form 3153.	Idaho Code Title 49, ch. 3 (Drivers to Be Licensed)
Illinois	Expiration deferred up to 120 days after discharge/reassignment; Military Deferral Certificate for member, spouse, children living with member (IL SOS).	120 days after discharge/reassignment to IL.	Military Deferral Certificate (carry with DL).	Out-of-state processing; online renewal if eligible.	625 ILCS 5/Ch. 6 (Driver's Licenses)
Indiana	Renew within 90 days after discharge/post-deployment; tests typically waived within 90 days (IC 9-24-12-6).	90 days after discharge/post-deployment.	BMV Military Extension Letter.	Online/mail renewal options available.	BMV policy; see renewal guidance
Iowa	DL remains valid through service + 6 months after separation; dependents may request 5-year extension (§321.198).	Member: service + 6 months; Dependents: up to 5 years from expiration.	DOT extension card/letter.	Mai/online options; extension by mail.	Iowa Code ch. 321
Kansas	Military personnel and dependents stationed out of state may renew by mail; if expired while away, renewal permitted without re-exam within a defined window after return.	Renew within window after return (per DOV guidance).	Mail-renewal credential/receipt serves while processing.	Renew by mail through KDOR DOV.	K.S.A. ch. 8, art. 2
Kentucky	Military and dependents OCONUS may renew by mail/electronically; if DL expired while away, renewal within 90 days of return without testing (per DRIVE KY).	90 days after return to KY.	Proof of service/assignment; no special statewide card.	Mai/electronic renewal via DRIVE KY.	KRS ch. 186
Louisiana	DL validity extended during active duty and for 60 days after discharge for member and dependents when military status is reported (VAL/MLTRY notation).	Active duty + 60 days after discharge.	VAL/MLTRY notation in record; carry military ID.	Online/mail renewal options available.	La. R.S. Title 32
Maine	While on active duty, may operate past printed expiration with military ID; DL remains valid for 180 days after discharge.	During service + 180 days after discharge.	Carry military ID with expired license.	Mai/online renewal options available.	Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 29-A, ch. 11
Maryland	Carry MD DL and proof of active duty; member should renew within 30 days after return to MD or separation (MVA guidance).	Within 30 days after return/separation.	Carry DL + orders during service; no standard card.	Online/mail renewal where eligible.	Md. Code, Transp. Title 16
Massachusetts	If license expires while on active duty, may operate 60 days after discharge; up to 45 days after return with foreign armed forces license (RMV).	60 days after discharge (MA DL); 45 days after return (foreign military license).	Carry discharge/military ID; foreign license as applicable.	RMV online/mail options depending on status.	M.G.L. c. 90
Michigan	Statutory grace 30 days after discharge/first leave; optional 180-day extension permit available from SOS.	30 days after discharge/first leave; extension permit adds 180 days.	Printable 180-day extension permit from SOS.	Online/mail renewal; print extension permit.	MCL 257.301 et seq.
Minnesota	License continues in force for those on active duty outside MN (and spouse/domestic partner/dependents <26) until 1 year after separation/end of assignment.	Until 1 year after separation/end of assignment.	Carry MN DL and proof of status; no universal card.	Online/mail renewal upon return or when eligible.	Minn. Stat. ch. 171
Mississippi	License remains valid while out of state due to service; renew online/by mail while away or within 90 days after discharge/return; dependents living with member included.	During service while away + 90 days after discharge/return.	Carry military ID; renewal proof as directed by DPS.	Online/mail renewal available.	Miss. Code Ann. Title 63, ch. 1
Missouri	No broad automatic extension; active duty and dependents may renew by mail (Form 4317).	N/A (use renewal by mail to maintain validity).	Mail-renewal credential; Form 4317 package.	Renew by mail through DOR.	RSMo ch. 302

Montana	Military exemption keeps DL valid during service and 90 days after honorable discharge; code/notation added by MVD.	During service + 90 days after honorable discharge.	Military exemption notation; carry military ID.	Renew by mail/online.	MCA Title 61, ch. 5
Nebraska	NE DL valid during active duty outside Nebraska and for up to 60 days after separation; applies to spouse/dependent of the service member; Military Exemption process available; renewal online/by mail while away (Neb. Rev. Stat. § 60-4,121; NE DMV Military Exemption/FAQ).	Valid during active duty and for 60 days after discharge OR return to Nebraska (whichever later)	Military Exemption card (Form 07-08) available	Yes (mail/online options)	Neb. Rev. Stat. §60-4,121
Nevada	No automatic extension; continuous renewal by mail/online for active duty/federal employees and dependents stationed out of state.	N/A – maintain current credential by remote renewal.	Receipt/temporary where issued during processing.	Mail/online renewal via Nevada DMV.	NRS ch. 483 (Drivers' Licenses)
New Hampshire	Renew by mail when away; if DL expires while on active duty, operation permitted for 90 days after discharge with military/USG ID; non-photo license available if no image on file.	90 days after discharge.	Non-photo license option; carry military/USG ID.	Renew by mail through NH DMV.	RSA ch. 263
New Jersey	During deployment, DL/ID/registration remain valid; must renew within 90 days of demobilization/return; immediate family covered.	Through deployment + 90 days after demobilization/return.	Carry military ID; MVC system notes status.	Renew online or at MVC after return within 90 days.	N.J.S.A. Title 39
New Mexico	If DL expires while on active duty outside NM, remains valid until the 31st day after return/discharge; spouse accompanying member included.	Until the 31st day after return/discharge.	Carry military ID and proof of service/return.	Mail/online renewal options via MVD.	N.M. Stat. Ann. § 66-5-1 et seq.
New York	License privileges extended through active service + 6 months after discharge; renewal permitted up to 2 years after extended expiration (NYS DMV).	Service + 6 months; renewal up to 2 years thereafter.	MV-75 notification/record notation; carry military ID.	Mail/online renewal; notify DMV.	N.Y. Veh. & Traf. Law, Art. 19 (§ 501 et seq.)
North Carolina	If DL expires while on active duty, considered valid until 60 days after release; cap 18 months past printed expiration.	60 days post-release; max 18 months past printed expiry.	Carry proof of service; no universal card.	Mail renewal permitted (limits apply).	N.C. Gen. Stat. ch. 20 (esp. § 20-7)
North Dakota	Extended term of license: active-duty ND resident may operate on an expired ND DL while absent from the state and for up to 30 days following honorable separation or return (NDDOT Active Duty Military; NDCC Title 39, ch. 39-06).	License remains valid during active duty and until 30 days after discharge/return	Carry military ID and orders; see NDDOT	Mail renewal available	N.D.C.C. §39-06-19.1
Ohio	Grace for renewal; BMV permits out-of-state/overseas renewal processes; driving privileges may continue with documentation (ORC ch. 4507 guidance).	Typically until return window per BMV; complete renewal promptly after return.	Carry BMV authorization/letter if issued.	Online/mail renewal options when eligible.	Ohio Rev. Code ch. 4507
Oklahoma	License does not expire during service and for 60 days after returning to OK; spouse & dependents included.	During service + 60 days after return.	Carry military ID; records note status.	Online/mail renewal when eligible.	47 O.S. § 6-101 et seq.
Oregon	For OR Guard/reservists deployed outside the U.S., DL expiring while deployed remains valid 90 days after active duty ends; DMV allows renewal within 6 months after discharge.	90 days after active duty ends; general post-discharge renewal up to 6 months.	Carry military ID and proof of deployment; DMV records.	Renew within 6 months after discharge; online/mail when eligible.	ORS ch. 807 (Driving Privileges & ID Cards)
Pennsylvania	Military extension available; DL may be extended during active duty with PennDOT card; renewal required within a set period after discharge.	During active duty; renew promptly after discharge (see PennDOT card terms).	Military extension card issued by PennDOT.	Online/mail renewal options.	75 Pa.C.S. ch. 15 (Licensing of Drivers)
Rhode Island	Special Armed Forces Operator's License valid during service; must renew within 30 days after service ends (carry with RI DL + proof).	During service + 30 days after service ends.	Armed Forces Operator's License to carry with RI DL.	Renew immediately after return; DMV forms available.	R.I. Gen. Laws Title 31, ch. 10
South Carolina	Policy allows action within 90 days of discharge if DL expired 9+ months; otherwise renew per normal cycle; no broad statutory automatic extension.	90-day window after discharge in specific scenarios.	Carry military ID/orders; SCDMV guidance applies.	Renew by mail/online when eligible.	S.C. Code Ann. Title 56, ch. 1
South Dakota	Extended term of license for service member, spouse, or dependent: license remains valid during service while absent from SD and up to 90 days after return or honorable separation; carry separation papers if discharged (SDCL 32-12-45; SD DPS guidance).	Valid during active duty while absent from SD and up to 90 days after return or separation	Carry military ID/orders; renew by mail/electronically permitted	Yes (by mail/electronically)	SDCL §32-12-45; §32-12-42.3
Tennessee	Military personnel may operate on expired TN DL while on active duty and for a period after return; renewal by mail available.	During service + defined grace; renew promptly after return.	Carry military ID/orders; DMV notation as applicable.	Renew by mail/online options.	Tenn. Code Ann. §55-50-338(4); Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1340-01-13-.17
Texas	DL remains valid during active duty and until the earlier of 91 days after discharge or return to TX (§521.028).	Up to 91 days after discharge/return.	Record notation/authorization recognized by DPS.	Online renewal; 37 TAC 15.33 acknowledges extended DLs.	Texas DPS policy / Transportation Code; see DPS Driver Handbook
Utah	If stationed outside Utah on active duty, DL remains valid for 90 days after termination/discharge; applies to immediate family residing out of state.	90 days after termination/discharge.	No separate card required; DMV records + military ID.	Online/mail renewal options.	Utah Code Title 53, ch. 3 (Uniform Driver License Act)
Vermont	Military extension for members and immediate family; may operate with expired license during service and 30 days after discharge (cap 4 years past printed expiration).	During service + 30 days after discharge (cap 4 years).	Armed Forces extension letter/card; carry with license + military ID.	Renew by mail/online; submit extension request.	23 V.S.A. §616
Virginia	DMV extension for those stationed outside VA; up to 6 years; must renew within 180 days of return (§46.2-221.2).	Up to 6 years; 180-day renewal window on return.	DMV extension authorization letter.	Mail/online processes via DMV.	Va. Code Title 46.2 (esp. ch. 3)
Washington	DL valid during service and 90 days after separation; applies to spouse/dependent child residing with member; DOL authorization card (RCW 46.20.027).	Service + 90 days after separation.	DOL authorization card to carry with DL.	Online/mail renewal when eligible.	RCW 46.20.027
West Virginia	DL of a person in the Armed Forces expires 6 months after separation under honorable circumstances.	6 months after separation (honorable).	Carry military ID; renew on return.	Online/mail renewal as available.	W. Va. Code ch. 17B
Wisconsin	DL does not expire while on active duty; valid 30 days after return to WI or 90 days after discharge (earlier of); DMV sends record notation to carry.	30 days after return to WI or 90 days after discharge (earlier).	DMV record notation letter to carry with expired DL.	Online/mail renewal; present notation.	Wis. Stat. §343.20(4) (practice reflected in WisDOT guidance)
Wyoming	Expiration may be waived via "I" restriction while accompanied by active-duty ID/orders; WYDOT may defer expiration for successive periods while on active duty/out of state.	While on active duty; successive deferrals possible (agency policy).	"I" restriction acts as waiver when carried with ID/orders.	Renew/deferral via WYDOT; online/mail as eligible.	Wyo. Stat. Title 31, ch. 7