

**INDUSTRY NOTICE #01-11
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**TLC NOTIFIES FOR-HIRE VEHICLE, PARATRANSIT SERVICES AND
COMMUTER VAN OWNERS AND OPERATORS THAT, EFFECTIVE 5/1/01
THE TLC WILL COMMENCE THE ISSUANCE OF FHV, PARATRANSIT
SERVICES AND COMMUTER VAN OPERATORS' LICENSES
UTILIZING THE DIGITAL PHOTO-IMAGING SYSTEM**

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) hereby notifies for-hire vehicle (FHV), paratransit services and commuter van owners and operators that effective May 1, 2001, the TLC's Licensing Division will commence the issuance of FHV, paratransit services and commuter van operators' licenses utilizing its digital photo-imaging system. The digital photo-imaging system has been utilized to issue medallion taxicab operators' licenses since July 1998.

The new FHV, paratransit services and commuter van operators' licenses will be produced on white plastic card stock with a distinctive, colored border. The color of the borders will be used to visually differentiate between the various classes of operators' licenses, e.g., light blue (FHV), green (paratransit services) and red (commuter van). Medallion taxicab operators' licenses have a yellow/black, checkered border.

Each licensee's photo will be digitally captured and imprinted on the plastic card stock in addition to other pertinent data such as name, license number and expiration date. A serially numbered, multi-colored hologram of the TLC emblem is heat sealed onto each card to provide additional anti-forgery security.

This is Phase III of the digital photo-imaging program. During this phase, all new FHV, paratransit services and commuter van operators' licenses will be issued utilizing this system. New and renewal medallion taxicab operators' licenses will continue to be issued utilizing the digital photo-imaging system. Renewal FHV, paratransit services and commuter van operators' licenses will be issued utilizing this system during the final phases of this program, which will be the subject of supplementary operations orders.

On the reverse of this Industry Notice is a sample depiction of a new digital photo-imaging FHV license, and a description of its features.

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Front

(Sample For-Hire Vehicle Operator's License)

1. License Border

- a. Light Blue border (FHV)
- b. Green border (Paratransit Vehicle)
- c. Red border (Commuter Van)

(Repeated)

2. Multicolor Hologram:
"CITY OF NEW YORK TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION/TLC"

3. License Serial Number
(Note: 6-digit number; it is always different from the license number)
Hire,"

4. Licensee Image

5. Licensee Name

- a. Last name (Vehicle)
- b. First name

6. License Expiration Date

- a. Month
- b. Day
- c. Year

7. Licensee Name
(First name, last name)

8. License Number
(Note: All license numbers have 7 digits; the first digit may be a "0")

9. License Class ("For Paratransit," or "Commuter Van")

10. Commission Seal

- a. Light Blue Commission seal (FHV)
- b. Green Commission seal (Paratransit)
- c. Red Commission seal (Commuter Van)

Reverse

(All License Classes)

- (1) You are required to notify N.Y.C. Taxi and Limousine Commission immediately of any change of address.
- (2) If you do not receive a renewal form in the mail 60 days prior to the expiration date on your current license, you must come to the Driver Renewal Section to obtain a renewal form.
- (3) You should file this renewal form as soon as you receive it. Failure to do so could result in a delay in the issuance of your renewal license.

NEW YORK CITY TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION
DRIVER RENEWAL UNIT
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IF FOUND, PLEASE DROP IN ANY MAIL BOX