

Gov Beshear: New driver licensing system launches this June to improve customer experience

Kentuckians due to renew in June encouraged to visit regional offices ahead of changeover beginning June 4

Submitted by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 15, 2026) — Today, Gov. Andy Beshear announced that a new, modernized driver licensing system and online portal will be launching this June, providing online services that help reduce wait times at regional offices and minimize paperwork. The improved system will replace the current, nearly 40-year-old system and allow Kentuckians to create accounts through the new portal, myDrive, that enable them to pre-apply for a license, permit or ID, request a card replacement, check their current license standing, and more.

Kentuckians due to renew in June are strongly encouraged to visit a Driver Licensing Regional Office before June 4, as all offices will close on June 4 and 5 and hours of operation will be adjusted from June 8 – 18 for the system migration.

“Team Kentucky remains committed to improving our licensing services so that Kentuckians are spending less time waiting in line and more time getting where they need to go,” said Gov. Beshear. “This new system will provide families with the secure, online services they expect in today’s world and we are encouraging folks to plan ahead and take care of any needed renewals ahead of June, as the transition will briefly impact hours at our offices.”

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)’s new system, known as the Kentucky Information Network for Driver Licensing (KINDL), is scheduled to launch Monday, June 8. The new system will streamline licensing for commercial drivers too, allowing medical certificates to be accepted directly from approved medical providers, cutting out the middle step of needing to manually

submit results yourself to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s (FMCSA) National Registry. Once launched, the state’s MyCDL portal for commercial drivers to upload medical certificates will be discontinued, as it will no longer be needed.

Changes to services during transition

To allow staff to convert more than 4 million driver records into the KINDL system, the following temporary changes to licensing services will be necessary.

All Driver Licensing Regional Offices will close Thursday, June 4 - Friday, June 5.

Offices will reopen on Monday, June 8. Walk-in hours will be 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. through June 18.

While once-a-month Saturday hours will not be hosted in June, two May Saturday options will be available on May 9 and May 30 from 8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Monthly Saturday hours will resume in July.

Online driver’s license renewal will be unavailable beginning Wednesday, June 3. Services will be restored on Monday, June 8.

“With approximately 55,000 Kentuckians due to renew in June, now is the best time to take care of your licensing needs to save valuable time before the temporary office closures,” said KYTC Secretary Rebecca Goodman. “Online and mail-in renewal is still an option for most Kentuckians who want to skip a trip entirely if they have a completed vision screening form.”

Cardholders can renew their driver’s license up to six months before their card’s expiration date.

New myDrive accounts for online services

Starting June 8, all online licensing services, including those for commercial driver’s license (CDL) holders, will require a myDrive account. Account holders can enjoy the following

new services:

Pre-apply for a license, permit or ID to save time during an in-person visit to request a card for the first time or to renew a license;

Request a card replacement;

Change their address;

Check their current license standing (i.e. suspended) and production status of their card; and

View individual licensing communications sent by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

An account will also be needed to renew your license online, register an emergency contact, sign up for license expiration reminders, or pay reinstatement fees. More details on how to set up an account will be shared as the rollout approaches.

Licensing improvements and reduced wait times

This effort builds on recent, major steps Team Kentucky has taken to improve the licensing experience and optimize convenience, like hiring

125 contracted full-time staff last year and launching a new line management and text check-in system that drastically cut office wait times when demand grew last year due to new vision screening requirements, REAL ID enforcement and new permit eligibility for 15 year olds.

Statewide average walk-in customer times dropped from 49 minutes last April to 16 minutes in March. Average appointment wait times dropped from 25 minutes to 10 minutes, respectively. In January, Kentucky launched the free Kentucky Mobile ID app that offers convenient, digital IDs accepted at security checkpoints at most U.S. major airports.

During the 2026 legislative session, funding for three of six new office locations that KYTC requested was adopted by the General Assembly. New offices are expected to open in Barren, Bullitt, and Oldham Counties in the future.

Resident in Lexington house fire facing charges

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Kentucky Today

According to the criminal complaint, officers with Lexington Police Department, other emergency personnel, and federal agents were dispatched to an explosion and house fire on Orleans Circle in Fayette County.

During a preliminary investigation, law enforcement determined Huff was a resident of the house and involved in criminal activity. Law enforcement obtained a search warrant for Huff’s residence and vehicle. Two firearms were found inside the vehicle, and Huff admitted to possessing the firearms.

The Lexington Police Department’s Hazardous Devices Unit, Lexington Fire Department

Arson Investigators, FBI and ATF are continuing to investigate the cause of the fire.

“This case highlights how vital rapid intervention and coordination is when a threat to public safety emerges,” said Jason Parman, First Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky. “Thanks to the quick and coordinated efforts of our local and federal law enforcement partners, a dangerous situation was addressed, and a prohibited individual was taken into custody. Our Office will continue to act decisively to protect our communities.”

John Nokes, Special Agent in Charge of the Louisville ATF Field Division, said, “The defendant in this investigation is federally prohibited from possessing firearms due to prior criminal conduct.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) remain committed to prioritizing investigations that hold accountable individuals who pose a threat to public safety and the communities we serve. We are proud to partner with the Lexington Metro Police Department, Kentucky State Police, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in this investigation.”

Chief Lawrence Weathers, Lexington Police Department, added, “It takes all of us to keep our communities safe. I want to thank all of our federal, state, and local partners who worked with the Lexington Police Department for investigating the Orleans Circle explosion. Our continued combined efforts help make a safer community for us all.”

No court date for Huff was immediately available.

Looking back to April 16, 2018

Written by Christy Hoots

The following information was entered into the April 16, 2018, edition of The Ledger Independent:

WCC, city partner to earn eligibility for Green Dot grant

The city of Maysville is working to become a Green Dot city.

According to city and Women’s Crisis Center officials, Greet Dot is a nationally recognized strategy focused on preventing power-based personal violence.

“The strategy is based around the belief that each one of us holds power as bystanders to actively prevent violence and shape our community norms,” officials said. “The City of Maysville and WCC envision a community where the norms are violence will not be tolerated and everyone is expected to do their part. We know we can achieve this by having more green dots than red dots on the map.”

Currently, the Women’s Crisis Center and

the city of Maysville are working together to raise \$6,000 on crowdise.com. Should they make the goal, the city will be eligible for up to \$100,000 in funding from the A Community Thrives and the Gannett Foundation.

According to officials, the money will go toward making Maysville the first Green Dot city in the nation.

“We know how great and effective Green Dot is, but we need your help getting us to that goal so the Gannett Foundation can find out why Green Dot is so important and all the great work Maysville’s doing to become the first Green Dot City,” officials said on the fundraising page.

Officials said if the city reaches the fundraising goal, there is also an opportunity for a second \$25,000 grant through the Gannett Foundation.

“This \$25,000 grant is awarded to two campaigns that have the most donors. So

every donation gets us one step closer to our \$6,000 goal and one vote closer to fan favorite,” officials said.

For those who donate \$25, they will receive a Green Dot button and pen, those who donate \$50 will get a Green Dot button, pen and a shout out on Facebook, those who donate \$100 will get a button, pen, shout out and a Green Dot bystander training dedication.

“Women’s Crisis Center is already so thankful for the overwhelming support from the Maysville community and we’re excited to take Green Dot to the next level,” officials said on the fundraising page. “With the support of donors today and the support of a grant from the Gannett Foundation, we can all come together and make Maysville the first Green Dot city.”

Those wanting to donate to the cause can do so at <https://www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/maysville-a-green-dot-city>.

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