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MEMORANDUM TO: Richard Stubbings
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RE: **DriveTest Reopening**

This memorandum is to advise you that on June 22, 2020, Ontario will begin a three-phased approach to gradually resume driver testing.

Phase 1 - June 22, 2020: All 56 full-time DriveTest centres will reopen for knowledge and vision tests for G1 & M1 licences, driver's licence exchanges and commercial driver's licence applications and upgrades. Commercial road tests will also be available by appointment at 28 locations across Ontario.

Phase 2 - August 4, 2020: Road testing for G2 driver licences and all motorcycle licences will resume. Commercial driver road testing will expand to the remaining 22 DriveTest locations across Ontario that road test commercial drivers. Also, many part-time Travel Point locations will begin reopening.

Phase 3 - September 8, 2020: G road testing resumes. All DriveTest centres and Travel Point locations fully operational.

As previously communicated, temporary regulations have been made under the *Highway Traffic Act*, *Photo Card Act*, and *Motorized Snow Vehicles Act* to extend the validity of the various driver and vehicle products that would have otherwise expired on or after March 1, 2020. The extension continues until further notice.

The Ministry is seeking police services' support to continue to suspend enforcement of driver and vehicle renewal requirements. Drivers with expired licences and/or licence plates are currently permitted to operate in Ontario until further notice.

Consequently, where a driver's licence or a licence plate appears to have expired it may in fact still be valid under the temporary regulations. These may include but are not limited to:

- All licence plate validation stickers
- Online purchase receipts of validation stickers
- Special Permits
- Ontario Photo Cards and Enhanced Driver's Licence for driving purposes
- All classes of Ontario driver's licences, including the temporary driver's licence and Driving Instructors' licence

If any police services would like to discuss these amended programs, they may contact:

- For DriveTest related matters, Carlos Cascallar, Manager, Driver Examination Services Office, at 416-235-5312 or carlos.cascallar@ontario.ca
- For vehicle related enquiries, Elizabeth Marles, Manager, Vehicle Programs Office, at 416-235-3433 or Elizabeth.Marles@ontario.ca
- For Drivers' Licences or Temporary Drivers' Licence related enquiries, Kim MacCarl, Manager, Driver Programs Office, at 416-235-5248 or Kim.MacCarl@ontario.ca

Thank you for your assistance in communicating these changes.



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