



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
TERRI LYNN LAND, SECRETARY OF STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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Dear Driver Education Providers and Instructors:

On January 24, 2008 you were sent a letter informing you of changes to Michigan's process of issuing driver's licenses and personal identification cards. These changes, which took effect January 22, resulted from a recent Michigan Attorney General opinion that prohibited the Department of State from issuing licenses to individuals who were not permanent, legal residents of Michigan. Individuals who were temporary, legal residents could not obtain a driver's license or personal identification card.

Recognizing the hardship this caused to temporary, legal residents, Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land was at the forefront in supporting recently passed legislation that has fixed this situation. Public Acts 7 and 31 of 2008, which took effect immediately, now allow driver's licenses and identification cards to be issued to all legal residents who show evidence of four things:

1. Social security number (SSN) or ineligibility for a SSN
2. Legal presence in the United States
3. Identity (legal name and date of birth)
4. Michigan residency

Enclosed is a new document that summarizes the revised requirements for an original driver's license or personal identification card. The revisions (appearing in column 2) describe the evidence that is required to establish temporary, legal presence in Michigan. The enclosed document replaces the one sent to you on January 24, which should be destroyed, and is also available on the Department's Web site, [www.Michigan.gov/sos](http://www.Michigan.gov/sos), under "Driver License & State ID". Our Web site will be updated accordingly should future revisions be necessary.

Finally, you may be asked questions about the new "enhanced driver's license" that can be used instead of a passport as acceptable identification at America's borders. The optional enhanced driver's license is not yet available, and will only be issued to U.S. citizens.

We continue to request your assistance by educating your students on these new requirements. For additional information, please visit our Web site at [www.Michigan.gov/sos](http://www.Michigan.gov/sos) or call our Information Center at 888-SOS-MICH with any questions you may have.

Thank you once again for working with us to protect the security of Michigan's identification documents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne Corgan".

Anne Corgan, Director  
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