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RULE TITLE: Standards for Issuance of Driver's Licenses Without a Photograph

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RULE SUMMARY: DMV proposes amending this rule due to changes in Oregon Laws 2025, Chapter 415 (SB 840, section 3 (2025)), which amend Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 807.110. The current statute allows the DMV to renew or replace a driver license, excluding a commercial driver license, without a photograph for an applicant in the active military service in the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard if the DMV does not have an acceptable photograph of the applicant. Effective January 1, 2026, SB 840 expands DMV's authorization to include in its rule an applicant who is the spouse or dependent of an individual in the active military service who is stationed outside of Oregon.

RULE TEXT:

- (1) DMV may, upon receipt of a written request, and for good cause, provide for issuance of a valid driver license without a photograph to any applicant qualified to hold an Oregon driver license:
- (a) Who is a member of a religious denomination that prohibits photographing of its members because it is contrary to its religious tenets;
- (b) Whose religious beliefs require the applicant to wear a head covering, clothing or similar material that partially or completely covers the applicant's face, preventing the applicant from being photographed as described in OAR 735-062-0016(2);
- (c) Who has severe facial disfigurement; or
- (d) Who is stationed outside of this state while in the active military service in the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard or who is the spouse or dependent of such an individual, and the department is unable to issue the driver license using the previous photo on file as provided under OAR 735-062-0125.
- (2) In addition to satisfying the requirements of section (1), an applicant for issuance of a driver license under this rule must:
- (a) Provide a verifiable SSN or written statement that the person has not been assigned a SSN, as provided in OAR 735-062-0005;
- (b) Provide proof of identity and date of birth as required under ORS 807.040 and provided in OAR 735-062-0020; and

(c) Provide proof of residence address as provided in OAR 735-062-0030(1).

(3) An applicant applying for a renewed driver license under subsection (1)(c) of this rule must also provide proof of being a resident of or domiciled in Oregon as described in OAR 735-016-0040.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 184.619, 802.010, 807.110

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 807.110