

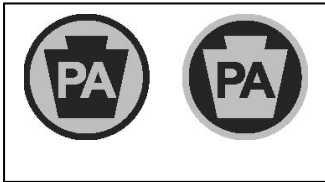


## **NEW DRIVER'S LICENSE/IDENTIFICATION CARD SECURITY FEATURE FACT SHEET**

PennDOT began using a new, state-of-the-art security feature on December 5, 2011.

### **WHAT IS IT AND WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?**

The new security feature is a black and white hologram, wherein "PA" sits inside the Keystone symbol surrounded by a circle.



To view a sample driver's license with the new security feature, visit PennDOT's Driver and Vehicle Services website at [www.dmv.state.pa.us](http://www.dmv.state.pa.us) under the Identity/Security Information Center.

### **WHY IS PENNDOT ADDING THIS NEW SECURITY FEATURE?**

With an already impressive array of security features, PennDOT added this new element to driver's licenses and photo IDs in order to provide a quick, easy form of identification verification - even under limited light - to bars, banks, law enforcement and others. An on-going process, the addition of this latest feature is indicative of PennDOT's efforts to improve security and to mitigate counterfeiting while providing a security feature that people can easily see.

### **WHERE WILL THE NEW SECURITY FEATURE BE PLACED ON THE DRIVER'S LICENSE/IDENTIFICATION CARDS?**

The new security feature includes two symbols that will be placed over both photo images on the driver's license and identification card.

### **WHAT IS SO UNIQUE ABOUT THE NEW ELEMENT?**

Produced by state-of-the-art holographic technology; this feature is designed to suppress the color spectrum "rainbow" of normal holography. The result is the striking effect of a black versus white hologram at high resolution. The black and white areas reverse when viewing angle is changed by 90 degrees and is visible in bright, moderate and low-light environments.

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### **HOW WILL I KNOW IF I HAVE A DRIVER'S LICENSE/IDENTIFICATION CARD WITH THE NEW FEATURE?**

View the driver's license or photo identification so that the Keystone can be seen.

- Note that the feature is colorless and appears black and white.

Without changing the angle of the viewing, rotate the card 90 degrees left or right.

- The black and white elements will switch; the black becoming white and the white becoming black within the design.

For night time or low light authentication, use a flashlight held at about a 30 to 60 degree angle to the card surface so that the feature appears.

- Rotate either the card or the flashlight 90 degrees and the feature will switch the black and white elements within its design.

### **HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE FOR EVERYONE TO HAVE A DRIVER'S LICENSE/IDENTIFICATION CARD WITH THE NEW FEATURE?**

Since driver's licenses and identification cards are issued on a four-year cycle, it will take four years for every driver's license/identification card holder to have a product with the new security feature.

### **IF I DON'T WANT TO WAIT UNTIL I RENEW, HOW DO I GET A DRIVER'S LICENSE/IDENTIFICATION CARD WITH THE NEW SECURITY FEATURE?**

You can complete an Application for Change/Correction/Replacement of Non-Commercial Driver's License (DL-80) or an Application to Replace/Correct Commercial Driver's License (DL-80CD) and pay the applicable fee. These applications can be downloaded from PennDOT's Driver and Vehicle Services website at [www.dmv.state.pa.us](http://www.dmv.state.pa.us).

### **DO ANY OTHER STATES OR JURISDICTIONS USE THIS NEW SECURITY FEATURE ON DRIVER'S LICENSES OR PHOTO IDS?**

No. Pennsylvania is the first state in the USA to use this new security feature on driver's licenses and IDs.

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