



FEMA

Recovery Info Sheet

Replacement of State-Issued Identification

Many Hurricane Katrina evacuees have lost all forms of personal identification during the evacuation, as such, the affected states have established the following procedures for obtaining duplicate driver licenses, state issued identifications and birth certificates.

Drivers Licenses and State Issued Identification

LOUISIANA

- **Evacuees relocated within the State** are encouraged, where possible, to visit a local motor vehicle office. Identity documents will not be required if the person already had a Louisiana driver's license or ID card that can be verified through Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) photo-retrieve and signature files.
- **Evacuees relocated outside the State** can apply for a free reconstructed driver's license or ID card. An application is now available through OMV's website (www.expresslane.org) or can be faxed to the individual upon request (225) 925-4195 or 1-877-DMV-LINE (1-877-368-5463). The application is to be completed to include the person's full name, date of birth, race, sex, social security number, a "mail to" address, and a telephone number, if possible. The application must be signed by the applicant as the signature comparison will be their "proof of identification". The Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles will make every effort to process and mail the driver's license or ID card within a 72 hour turnaround period. Applications can be faxed to (225) 925-3901; (225) 925-1937; or (225)925-6303.

MISSISSIPPI

- **In Mississippi**, replacements for lost licenses and state-issued identification cards can be obtained through the district offices of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety. Two acceptable forms of identification must be presented. If no other form of identification is available, photos can be retrieved from the Department's photo-retrieve and signature files for purposes of identification. A list of District Office locations can be accessed at <http://www.dps.state.ms.us/dps/dps.nsf/divpages/hp2drivermap?OpenDocument>.

ALABAMA

- **In Alabama**, a temporary license can be issued immediately. Replacements for lost licenses and state-issued identification cards can be obtained by applying at a Probate Judge or License Commissioner Office. Normally, identification such as a birth certificate is required. For victims of Hurricane Katrina without other forms of ID, identification can be verified by photo-retrieve and signature files. For a list of office locations and schedules, please visit <http://www.dps.state.al.us/public/driverlicense/schedules.asp>. Hurricane-displaced individuals needing assistance can call toll-free 1 (866) 283-2838 for assistance.

Birth Certificates

- **In Louisiana**, there is currently no expedited process for obtaining copies of birth certificates. Certified copies may be obtained using VitalCheck Network, www.VitalCheck.com a commercial, for fee site that provide this service for all states. Due to the flooding, the LA office/site of VitalCheck is temporarily closed. Copies may also be obtained by visiting any of the state's Department of Health Regional Service Offices with a completed request form. A list of locations can be found at <http://www.oph.dhh.state.la.us/recordsstatistics/vitalrecords/index.html>. Additional information on replacing lost records in Louisiana can be accessed at <http://www.oph.dhh.state.la.us/recordsstatistics/vitalrecords/docs/Package%2011%20Ordering%20Certificates.pdf>