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Tax Collector's Office Prepares for New Florida Drivers License & ID Requirements

TAMPA, FL – (December 8, 2009) – As a result of the Federal Real ID Act of 2005, Florida is one of the first states in the U.S. to provide residents with an even more secure identification document and the Hillsborough County Tax Collector's office is leading the efforts to inform residents of these new requirements.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2010, Floridians renewing or obtaining a new driver license/identification card will be required to show proof of **1) identification, 2) social security number and 3) two items of residential address.** Although Florida has one of the most secure issuance processes and credentials, these changes will enhance efforts to minimize fraud and identity theft.

"I know it will be burdensome on people to gather all of the necessary documents and that is why we are making every effort to inform the public early and often," stated Hillsborough County Tax Collector, Doug Belden.

These Real ID Act mandates were handed down by the federal government in response to the terrorist attacks of 9/11. "Our staff is prepared to help make the process as smooth as possible," said Belden, "we are here to serve."

Please visit www.hillstax.org and click on the **Gather.Go.Get** link to create a personalized checklist of documents you will need to bring with you. Renewing online or by mail will continue to be available to those who qualify.

For more details regarding Driver License / ID document requirements, contact the Tax Collector's office at 813.635.5200 or visit their web site at www.hillstax.org.



Get Ready for New Florida Drivers License & ID Requirements

Other Important Facts:

- Florida residents are allowed to renew their driver license by a convenience method (Internet or mail) up to one time. Following this option, the next renewal must be in person at which time the required documentation must be provided.
- If Florida drivers and ID card holders do not visit a driver license office by Dec. 1, 2014 or Dec. 1, 2017 (depending on their birthday) and present required documentation for their new card, they will not be allowed to board a commercial flight or enter a federal building. Residents born after December 1, 1964 with a current FL driver license or ID card will continue to be a valid form of identification until it expires or until December 1, 2014. Residents born before December 1st, 1964 will have until December 1, 2017.
- Go to **www.gathergoget.com** to create a personalized checklist.

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JANUARY 1, 2010 NEW DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS: CHECK THE BOXES AND REMEMBER WHAT TO BRING!

Starting January 1, 2010, when you go to a driver license office, you must bring original documents that prove your **1** identity **2** social security number **3** residential address. The checklists here list some valid documents. For more document options and information, go to www.GatherGoGet.com. If you don't have Internet access, telephone (850) 617-3995.

1 Identification: U.S. Citizens (BRING ONE)

Bring one of the following original documents as proof of your identity:

- Certified U.S. birth certificate, including territories and District of Columbia
(A hospital birth certificate is not acceptable.)
- Valid U.S. passport
- Certificate of naturalization
- Consular report of birth abroad

2 Social Security Number (BRING ONE)

Bring one of the following original documents as proof of your Social Security number, if issued:

- Social Security card
- W-2 form
- Pay check showing number
- DD-214
- School record showing number
- Documentation from the IRS showing number

3 Residential Address (BRING TWO)

The address on a driver license or ID card can no longer be a post office box. **Bring two proofs** of residential address.

- Deed, mortgage, monthly mortgage statement, mortgage payment booklet, or rental agreement
- Florida voter registration card
- Florida vehicle registration or title
- W-2 form or 1099 form
- Utility bill, hookup, or work order not more than two months old
- Current automobile or homeowner's insurance policy or bill
- Mail from financial institutions, not more than two months old
- Medical or health card with address listed
- A letter from a shelter or half-way house verifying that applicant lives at the address
- Educational transcripts for current school year
- Statement from an accompanying parent, stepparent or guardian residing at the same address as applicant. The parent or guardian must present proof of residential address.

See additional documents at www.GatherGoGet.com.

Legal Name Change (if applicable)

- Original or certified copy of all marriage certificates or court orders that show name change(s) (Uncertified photocopies are not valid.)

Non-U.S. Citizens

Immigrants and non-immigrants supply the same proofs as do U.S. citizens for Social Security number (if issued) and residential address. Their required identification documents are different.

Immigrants: Identification

Bring one of the following:

- Alien registration receipt card (green card, Form I-551)
- I-551 stamp in passport or on I-94
- Immigration judge's order with applicant's A-number (granting asylum)
- I-797, with A-number indicating granting of asylum
- I-797 or another form from the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration with the applicant's A-number, stating approval of refugee status

Non-immigrants: Identification

An example follows. Some of these documents require other supporting documents. Before going to an office, read the full requirements at www.GatherGoGet.com or call (850) 617-3995.

1. Bring the following single document:

- Employment authorization card issued by the U.S. Department of Justice (form 1688B or I-766)

2. Or bring one of the following:

- Proof of non-immigrant classification from the U.S. Department of Justice (unexpired form I-94, with supporting attachments)
- I-571 travel document/refugee travel permit
- I-512 parole letter
- Immigration judge's order for cancellation of removal

For more information
and a complete list visit
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