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# **MVD brings NM driver's licenses and state IDs to mobile devices** NM IDs can now be securely added to Apple Wallet and Google Wallet

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division today announced that New Mexico driver's licenses and state IDs can now be added to Apple Wallet and Google Wallet, enabling residents to seamlessly and securely add and present their IDs using their mobile device for some purposes.

Today, users can present their ID in Apple Wallet and in Google Wallet in person at select TSA checkpoints across the country, participating businesses and venues, in addition to Apple Store locations across the U.S. Users are also able to present their ID in select mobile apps as well.

In the coming weeks, support for mobile driver's license (mDL) acceptance will come to TSA checkpoints at Albuquerque Sunport and at the Lea County Regional Airport near Hobbs, so users will also be able to present their mDLs at even more locations within New Mexico.

"Having a cell phone and mobile device with you at virtually all times is simply a fact of life these days. This new capability adds one more level of convenience for us all," said Taxation and Revenue Secretary Stephanie Schardin Clarke.

As part of the launch of mobile driver's licenses in New Mexico, businesses and organizations that must verify customer age will also be able to accept mobile driver's licenses — including IDs in Apple Wallet and IDs in Google Wallet— using mobile apps such as the newly introduced NM Verifier on iOS. Starting today, the app will be offered for free by MVD in coordination with the New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department (RLD). The app securely and privately accepts mobile driver's licenses and ID cards — right on iPhone, with no additional hardware needed.

New Mexico mobile driver's licenses and state IDs do not replace physical licenses or identification cards, as they are an optional addition to those credentials. **New Mexicans must still carry their physical licenses when driving.** 

"We're excited to be among the first states to make mobile driver's licenses available to users, and we're excited to bring even more convenience and security to our residents with this innovation," said MVD Director Htet Gonzales.

Customers can visit <u>mvdonline.com</u> to learn more about the new mobile driver's license options.

To learn more about IDs in Apple Wallet, <u>click here</u>.

To learn more about IDs in Google Wallet, <u>click here.</u>

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The Motor Vehicle Division strives to offer customers convenient channels to conduct their business. MVD regularly adds to services offered online and through convenient retail kiosks.

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## How to add and use Mobile Driver's Licenses

#### **IDs in Apple Wallet**

Adding a license or state ID to Apple Wallet can be done in a few easy steps. Residents can tap the Add (+) button at the top of the screen in Wallet on their iPhone, select "Driver's License or State ID," and follow the onscreen instructions to start the setup and verification process.

### Google Wallet

[insert steps here]

#### Presenting a Mobile ID in a Secure, Private Way

Presenting an ID in Apple Wallet

Users can securely present their New Mexico driver's license or state ID in Apple Wallet in person and in apps to show proof of age or identity. IDs in Apple Wallet use the privacy and security features that are built into Apple devices to help protect a user's identity and personal information. When adding an ID to Apple Wallet, the MVD receives only the information it needs to approve or deny the request.

Once an ID is added to Apple Wallet, the information is encrypted on a user's device, so others cannot access it unless a user chooses to present it. Apple and the MVD do not know when or to whom a user presents their driver's license or state ID.

When presenting in-person, users can go to Apple Wallet and select their ID. From there, they can hold their mobile device near an identity reader, review the specific information being requested, and use Face ID or Touch ID to authenticate before the requested information is shared. Users do not need to show, or hand over their device to present their ID.

When presenting an ID in apps, users can select the "Verify with Apple Wallet" or "Continue with Apple Wallet" button. From there, they can review the specific information being requested, and authenticate with Face ID or Touch ID before the requested information is shared.

Presenting an ID in Google Wallet
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