

Embedded Security Features Put a New Face on Minnesota Driver's License

Features

- Each card is the size and shape of a standard credit card but is more flexible and has a somewhat different texture
- On the front of the card, a virtual image of a loon appears to float above or sink below the surface of the card as the viewing angle changes
- A digital image of the cardholder is fused with heat into the card plastic. Fine line printing over the image reveals tampering attempts. The image always appears on the left.
- A holographic state seal that appears on the front of the card is visible only under ultraviolet light.
- A red border around the image indicates "Under 21."
- If the cardholder is under 18, the date of 18th birthday appears in red.
- The new cards have a rainbow print pattern

Production

The newly designed cards went into production on December 15. This means that individuals whose application was issued (initial, duplicate, and renewal) on Dec. 13, and later will receive the new card.

New Number Format

The new cards feature a new card number format. Unlike the Soundex system, the number is not based on the individual's name. As a result, the number does not begin with the first letter of the last name.

- The new number that is assigned to the individual will be their number during their lifetime - even if they change their name or leave the state and return, the number remains the same.
- The new number enhances our system security and provides more features to help prevent identity theft and fraud.
- The new number will also appear on the front of the card with out any dashes.