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# Driver and Vehicle Services Update

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## General Information

- **Electronic Apportioned Credentials**
- **Temporary Authority (TA) Agents  
Temporary Evidence of Apportioned  
Registration (TEAR) and Renewals**

As a reminder, Section 1311(a) of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code requires the registration document to be signed by the Pennsylvania apportioned registrant. This means that although PennDOT may email an apportioned registration credential electronically, the motor carrier operator must still print and sign the credential; if they choose, effective January 1, 2019, they may upload the signed registration credential to their electronic device or maintain it as a paper credential.

### ELECTRONIC APPORTIONED CREDENTIALS

The International Registration Plan (IRP) has been amended to allow motor carriers to store apportioned registration cards in an electronic format, no longer requiring apportioned registered motor carriers to maintain paper credentials. The Pennsylvania apportioned registrant does not have to do anything different as a result of this amendment but may elect to upload their signed credential electronically. This amendment is effective January 1, 2019, and requires law enforcement from all US and Canadian IRP member jurisdictions to accept electronic images of apportioned registration cards (also known as cab cards). When stopped by law enforcement, apportioned registrants may show their credentials as an electronic image on an electronic device or as a paper copy.

Regardless of format, the document must be valid, accurate, accessible and readable by law enforcement. The amendment to the Plan is specific to apportioned vehicles and does not apply to non-apportioned vehicles, such as PA Commercial vehicles not registered to travel outside of Pennsylvania or other PA registered vehicles.

### TEMPORARY AUTHORITY (TA) AGENTS TEMPORARY EVIDENCE OF APPORTIONED REGISTRATION (TEAR) AND RENEWALS

Agents who can perform online title transactions should be processing applications associated with apportioned and PA Fleet registrations. All Temporary Authority (TA) Agents who issue Temporary Evidence of Apportioned Registration (TEAR) should be validating the vehicle record. If the vehicle record is associated with any vehicle stop code, you are prohibited from issuing a TEAR. All TA Agents are required to be under an agent contract and shall meet online agent requirements by 2020.

TA Agent renewals for the 2019 calendar year shall be emailed in October. TA Agents should update the form with any changes and return the form with the renewal fee before December 1, 2019. The 2019 TA certificate will be mailed during the last week of December.

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