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# Driver and Vehicle Services Update

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## General Information

### ELECTRONIC APPORTIONED CREDENTIALS

As a reminder, 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.

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, the motor carrier operator must still print and sign the credential. If they choose, effective January 1, 2019, the apportioned registrant may upload the signed registration credential to their electronic device or maintain it as a paper credential.

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