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**** IMPORTANT ** PLEASE READ ****

RI LICENSE PLATE REISSUANCE PROGRAM

New “OCEAN” Plate

Here is some important information about the new Rhode Island License Plate Reissuance Program and your current registration renewal:

- All blue “Wave” plates will be replaced during this two-year program. (1/2023-12/2024)
- All registration certificates that have the “Plate Design: Wave” will be included in this program. This includes Passenger, Commercial, Combination, Suburban, Trailer, Motorcycle, Camper, Public Service, Jitney, Farm, Racer Tow, and Radio Operator.
- Carefully examine your registration renewal notice for accuracy. Check your address especially your mailing address, and most importantly your plate design. Your plate design should indicate “Wave”. If your address is incorrect, please update it online (www.dmv.ri.gov/online-services) before mailing in your renewal. If the plate design is incorrect, please email DMV.PlateOffice@dmv.ri.gov and indicate the error. Please provide a photo of your plate on your vehicle.
- The new “Ocean” plate is a flat digitally printed plate with a pre-printed registration sticker in the bottom right corner. [Future registration stickers ***must always*** be placed in the bottom right corner of the plate. Plates ***must always*** be clearly visible without ***anything*** placed on the plate or covering any part of the plate. (RIGL 31-3-18)]
- After renewing your registration through the mail or online, the new plate(s) will be mailed out to you with a new registration certificate. The new registration certificate can be found in the front section of the envelope which contains your plates. *It is printed on the back side of the mailing label and instructions.*
- If you currently have a Special Design Charity plate (i.e., Friends of Plum Beach Lighthouse, Gloria Gemma “Ribbon of Hope”, etc...), the RI Sailboat plate, Veteran/Military plates, Electric/Hybrid (green wave), or any other non-blue wave plates, you are exempt from the reissuance program and will not be issued the new “Ocean” plates. Please double check your registration certificate to make sure your plate design matches your plate.

Drive Safe! Drive Sober! Buckle Up!