When is the card design changing?
• The Idaho Division of Motor Vehicles is rolling out the new driver’s license design in the Spring of 2023.

Why does Idaho need a new driver’s license design?
• It is best practice to update the card design and security features every few years to keep up with evolving technology and stay ahead of counterfeiting.

What do I need to do?
• Nothing until it is time to renew your license. Then you can renew online, if eligible at dmv.idaho.gov or at a county DMV office as normal. The DMV will begin issuing cards with the new design in Spring 2023.

My license has the old design. Is it still good?
• Yes. Licenses with the old design will remain valid until the expiration date printed on the card.

Why is there a bird on it?
• The card shows off some of Idaho’s best features. The bird on the card is the mountain bluebird, Idaho’s state bird. You can also see the Sawtooth Mountains and the Idaho Statehouse on the card.

Is this just for driver’s licenses?
• No. Other state-issued cards will also have the new design. Examples include identification cards, instruction permits, and concealed weapons permits.

Do I still need to get a Star Card- Idaho’s Real ID?
• You can add the Star to licenses with both the old and new designs. You will need to bring additional documentation proving your identity, your social security number, and two acceptable forms of proof of residency when you get your license. Starting May 7, 2025, you will need to have a license or ID with the Star – showing it is an Idaho REAL ID, or another accepted form of identification, such as a passport, to fly commercially or access a federal facility, national laboratory, or military base. Visit https://itd.idaho.gov/starcard/ for more information.

Is the cost changing?
• No, the fee you pay for a license will not change when the new design goes live.

If I need to get a replacement card, can I choose the old design?
• No, beginning in the Spring of 2023, all cards, whether they are new cards, renewals, or replacements, will have the new design.

What’s with the colors?
• The colors are very similar to the old card. The design incorporates Idaho’s hallmarks-the Mountain Bluebird, the Sawtooth mountains, and our state capitol.