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License Event Notification Service (LENS) for New York State Employers

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Benjamin Franklin once said, “An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.” As an employer of commercial drivers, you also know the value of safety.

Ensuring that each of your drivers has a valid license and a safe driving history pays dividends through safer operations, fewer insurance claims, and better compliance with regulatory agency requirements.

Until now, keeping tabs on each driver’s record was time-consuming and costly. The New York State Department of Motor Vehicles’ License Event Notification Service (LENS) gives you access to license records and provides daily updates on events that occur.

Simply give the DMV information about your drivers, and LENS will provide notice of:

- the expiration, suspension, or revocation of a driver’s license,
- the restoration of a driver’s license,
- traffic convictions,
- reportable accidents, and
- the completion of a training course (to reduce points and insurance premiums).

In addition, LENS provides an annual, comprehensive Anniversary Status Report, which includes information on all drivers. This report also allows you to update your LENS roster, so you can be sure you’re getting the information you need about the drivers you employ.

LENS is a free service for government agencies, volunteer fire companies and volunteer ambulance agencies. Commercial and not-for-profit organizations, however, must pay a fee to participate in LENS.

Here’s how to apply for a New York State DMV LENS account:

- **Commercial and not-for-profit organizations** must use form MV-15LC, which is available by logging on to www.nydmv.state.ny.us/forms/mv15lc.pdf.
- **Government agencies and volunteer fire companies** must use form MV-15LG, which is available by logging on to www.nydmv.state.ny.us/forms/mv15lg.pdf.

For more information, call the LENS Help Line at 518/486-4480, or direct e-mail to LENS@dmv.state.ny.us.



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