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Dear Chairmen and Members of the Interim Joint Committee on Transportation:

Thank you for allowing the Kentucky State Police to provide information to the committee on the upcoming November transitions of driver licensing services from the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk to KYTC regional offices. Before the end of the month, the following counties will transition to a new location and begin offering services for individuals seeking a Class D, M, or commercial driver license; Allen, Butler, Christian, Edmonson and Nicholas counties. For more information on the upcoming transition dates and new locations, please review the chart below.

County	Last Day of Testing in Current Location	New Location	First Day of Testing
Allen	November 17, 2021	Bowling Green Regional Office 360 E. 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Bowling Green, KY 42101	November 22, 2021
Butler	November 18, 2021	Bowling Green Regional Office 360 E. 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Bowling Green, KY 42101	November 22, 2021

Christian	To be determined.	The opening of the Driver Testing Regional Office in Hopkinsville is pending. Until then testing will remain at: <b>100 Justice Way Hopkinsville, KY 42240</b>	To be determined.
Edmonson	November 17, 2021	Bowling Green Regional Office 360 E. 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Bowling Green, KY 42101	November 22, 2021
Nicholas	November 18, 2021	Morehead Regional Office 126 Bradley Avenue Morehead, KY 40351	November 22, 2021


The final transition planned for November will be for residents of Pendleton County. On November 22, 2021, KSP will begin offering testing services for Pendleton County residents at the Burlington location where appointments are currently offered Monday-Friday. The Burlington regional office was announced on October 25, 2021.

The additional counties that have transitioned to a regional location since the last update was provided to the committee on September 7, 2021 are Barren, Carroll, Clark, Gallatin and Jessamine. A copy of the press releases announcing these changes are attached.

Applicants can make appointments and find additional information on all of our locations and services by visiting <http://kentuckystatepolice.org/driver-testing/>. Questions may be directed to the Driver Testing Branch general mailbox at [kspdrivertesting@ky.gov](mailto:kspdrivertesting@ky.gov) or to the general phone line at (800) 542-5990.

As KYTC continues to manage the transition of driver licensing services from the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk, KSP looks forward to our growing partnership in service of the Commonwealth. At this time, the next locations to transition have yet to be determined, but every effort will be made to streamline this process and minimize any interruption to services. Do not hesitate to contact the KSP Driver Testing Branch if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,



Captain Marshall B. Johnson  
Commander, KSP Driver Testing Branch

## ***Serving Clark, Estill, Garrard, Jessamine and Madison County residents***

**RICHMOND, Ky. (Sept. 24, 2021)** – Today, Gov. Andy Beshear and the Kentucky State Police (KSP) announced a new regional driver testing branch location for Kentuckians to obtain a state driver permit or driver license. The new regional branch will be located in Richmond. Residents of these cities and surrounding counties should take note of the new regional location in order to make an appointment prior to arrival.

“The new KSP regional driver testing locations are being done in accordance with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet’s (KYTC) licensing model. Regionalizing these locations will offer more efficient and effective services,” said Gov. Beshear. “I wish all Kentuckians the best of luck as they start the journey in obtaining a Kentucky driver’s license.”

Beginning Sept. 27, KSP will offer driver testing at the KYTC Regional Drivers Licensing Office, located at 830 Eastern Bypass, Suite A12, Richmond, KY 40475, for residents of Clark, Estill, Garrard, Jessamine, and Madison counties.

Appointments are available Monday through Friday and can be made online by visiting [KSP’s website](#). Residents must make an appointment prior to arrival for a permit, driver or commercial driver license test.

“One of the benefits of regionalization is increased availability of testing services,” said KSP’s Commander of Driver Testing, Captain Marshall Johnson. “New appointments will be posted daily at 8 a.m., Monday through Friday, and this availability is the product of regionalizing our services.”

KSP is continuing to work with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and Kentucky’s circuit court clerks to open the remaining regional offices statewide by June 30, 2022.

Prior to an appointment, new drivers should prepare for the exam by accessing the only approved Kentucky driver’s Kentucky driver’s [manual](#) or by viewing it through the official KSP mobile app, ‘kspolice’. All driver testing materials can be viewed and downloaded free of charge.

Successful testing applicants will be served the same day by KYTC Driver Licensing Regional Office staff to apply for a permit or license, based on capacity and time of day, without scheduling a separate appointment. The transition of licensing services by KYTC was mandated with passage of House Bill 453 during the 2020 Kentucky General Assembly.

According to KYTC, Kentucky will continue offering the option of a standard driver's license, but a REAL ID or other form of federally approved identification, such as a passport or military ID, eventually will be needed by people 18 and older for boarding commercial flights and accessing military bases and federal buildings that currently require identification. Federal enforcement is scheduled to begin May 3, 2023.

First-time application for a REAL ID must be made in person at a Driver Licensing Regional office. Specific documentation is required. A list of acceptable documentation and a link to take an interactive quiz that populates a personalized list of documents is available at [drive.ky.gov](https://drive.ky.gov) | [IDocument Guide](#).

## ***Serving Boone, Carroll, Gallatin County residents***

**BURLINGTON, Ky. (Oct. 25, 2021)** – Today, Gov. Andy Beshear and the Kentucky State Police (KSP) announced that the regional driver testing branch in Burlington will begin serving Kentuckians who wish to obtain a state driver permit or driver license. The regional branch, located in Burlington, will serve residents of Boone, Carroll and Gallatin counties. Residents of these counties should take note of the new regional location in order to make an appointment prior to arrival for a permit, driver or commercial driver license test.

“We appreciate KSP and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet working together to expand driver licensing services to Kentuckians in Boone, Carroll and Gallatin counties,” said Gov. Beshear. “A local branch makes it easier for our Kentucky families to access the services they need.”

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