

When can I begin the process to renew a FOID or CCL?

For the past couple of years, you could start the process of renewing a FOID at least 60 days prior to its expiration date, and a CCL 120 days prior. Due to a change in notification requirements outlined below, effective immediately, we now allow renewal applications to begin 180 days ahead of expiration and we will send expiration notices via first class mail in that timeframe.

Applicants who have opted out of first-class mail will receive multiple reminders of an upcoming expiration.

“430 ILCS 65/13.2”

The Department of State Police shall, 180 ~~60~~ days prior to the expiration of a Firearm Owner's Identification Card, forward by first class mail, or by other means provided in Section 7.5 to each person whose card is to expire a notification of the expiration of the card and instructions for renewal.

“430 ILCS 66/50”

The Illinois State Police shall, 180 days prior to the expiration of a concealed carry license notify each person whose license is to expire a notification of the expiration of the license and instructions for renewal.