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Avoid long lines for a driver's license during the summer crush

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TOPEKA - Schools may be closed for the summer, but across the state thousands of teenagers are learning how to drive.

From May to September, Kansas Department of Revenue driver's licenses offices will issue learner's permits and restricted licenses to about 35,000 novice drivers. That can mean long lines and frustration for parents and teens going through the process.

"While we can't eliminate all the lines, simply avoiding our busiest times and days can cut down the wait time when getting a driver's license or permit," Kansas Director of Vehicles Donna Shelite said.

Here are some tips to help make the process go a little bit quicker and smoother:

- Avoid the driver's license offices Tuesday and Friday, those are typically the busiest times, although early in the morning is your best option
- Try to visit between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m., Wednesday and Thursday
- If you need to simply renew or replace a driver's license or ID card, visit an office in a smaller neighboring city or county where the lines are typically shorter
- If you are applying for a driver's education permit, be sure to have the right documents including the pink permit form, birth certificate and proof of a Social Security number.

The large driver's license offices –such as Mission, Olathe, Topeka, Wichita, Lawrence and Andover – are open 7 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.

For a list of driver's license stations throughout the state visit:
<http://ksrevenue.org/pdf/dmvdstations.pdf>