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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**DOL Replacing Licensing System -  
County Auditor Urges Early Renewal of December Vehicle Tabs**

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The Washington State Department of Licensing is replacing the 30-year old computer system that registers and licenses vehicles and vessels. The conversion to a new computer system (DRIVES) will impact access to licensing offices and to online renewals. All Whatcom County licensing offices will close either by 4:30pm or 5:00pm on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> and stay closed over the weekend, resuming normal business hours on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

To avoid congestion, mail in your renewal notice with payment or bring your licensing transaction to an office by December 9<sup>th</sup>. For your convenience you can also renew your tabs on line at [www.dol.wa.gov](http://www.dol.wa.gov) until December 6<sup>th</sup>. The on-line renewal process will be unavailable between December 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. Contact the Whatcom County Auditor's Office with any questions.

County Auditor Debbie Adelstein states, "You may experience longer wait times than usual as our staff gets used to the new system and we'll appreciate your patience. The improvements being made to the system will be worth it."