There seems to be conflicting information coming out from the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) about how long you can obtain a new USID card prior to its expiration.

When the new USID card style was introduced, there were concerns about the limited availability of the new card stock. A message came out that only 30 days prior could an ID card be renewed. We at Base Seattle have ensured we have on hand enough of the new card stock to adhere to the 90 days prior to expiration as stated in the regulation.

I have spoken with DMDC and confirmed:

Dependents can renew an expiring card 90 days prior to the card’s expiration date.

Any ID card issued prior to the 90 days would have the same expiration date as the old card.

We have also received additional guidance do to COVID that states:

“Since all DoD ID card sites are currently operating under constrained conditions as a result of COVID-19 to keep both our cardholders and operators safe, individuals with an indefinite expiration date on their current USID card (e.g., retirees) should wait until summer 2021, or later, to have their Next Gen USID card issued.”

This guidance comes in according with the DMDC’s extending cards expiring after 1 January 2020 to be valid through June 2021.

Very Respectfully,

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