

LA Wallet Facts and Benefits

Facts

LA Wallet was jointly designed by Louisiana State Police, the Department of Public Safety, the Office of Motor Vehicles and developed by Envoc, a Louisiana-based software development firm. The entire development team are graduates of Louisiana universities.

LA Wallet, the Louisiana digital driver's license app, was created under Louisiana law of Act 625. In 2016, Representative Ted James's HB 481 passed in the Louisiana Legislature.

LA Wallet is the first digital driver's license app to be fully launched in the United States. While there are other apps in development, LA Wallet is the only app with a fully-functioning, open to the public version in the Apple app store which went live June 26th, 2018.

The Louisiana State Police requested a "hands-off" and "no-touch" procedure that doesn't require them to hold a driver's phone; however, the law does not currently restrict them from handling your phone momentarily. Think of it as you would at the grocery store as the cashier scans your app or email code for a discount.

The app was released in a closed pilot where over 100 people tested the app on both the iOS and Android platforms for several weeks before final development moved forward.

LA Wallet is free to download, but an in-app purchase of \$5.99 activates a citizen's license or ID for legal acceptance. The LA Wallet digital license is valid for the life of the user's physical license issuance. Once a user's physical license expires, they must renew their license with the DMV and purchase a new digital license through LA Wallet.

LA Wallet released a first-of-its-kind VerifyYou™ feature allowing one LA Wallet user to verify another in a "hands-off" secure fashion.

Functionality

LA Wallet does not simply display an image of a physical Louisiana license. Instead, it obtains all license data and several image components from the OMV to create a unique high-resolution rendering of a Louisiana driver's license in accordance with the secure design of Louisiana's printed license.

Once a user initially retrieves their license information with a network connection, the app securely stores the digital license. The digital license is available anytime, even without a network connection.

LA Wallet does not track a user's location at any time. In fact, it does not ask to track a user's location, which all apps that do so are required to ask.

Benefits

Most people never leave home without their smartphone, so now they will never be without their driver's license.

For the price of a premium cup of coffee, users of LA Wallet can always be sure to avoid receiving a ticket during a traffic stop for not having their license.

LA Wallet's security has been tested by Envoc and multiple third parties to ensure the app is protected with all industry-standard security measures. Security testing is ongoing and is not a one-time event.

With pin number or fingerprint/facial recognition protection, LA Wallet is protected from anyone accessing a user's license information.

If a user's phone is lost or stolen, the user can simply log in to the LA Wallet online portal to unlink their license information from their mobile device. A user may also securely log on to another device with LA Wallet to access their license.

LA Wallet's unique touch-activated security seal allows anyone accepting it to ensure the user's digital license is not only a screenshot or picture, preventing the LA Wallet digital license to be forged.

The user's license information is always up-to-date. If a user updates their address or any other information before their license expires, the app will notify them that something has changed.

They will not need to purchase a new license. Instead, they only need to unlink then relink their license.

Miscellaneous

- The correct pronunciation of LA Wallet is by spelling out the Louisiana abbreviation L-A-, not "La."
- LA Wallet is the first legally accepted digital driver's license in the nation.
- The driver's license is legal for driving purposes per the [Louisiana Law of Act 625 of the 2016 session](#).
- LA Wallet is free to download, but requires an in-app purchase of \$5.99 to activate a user's digital driver's license which lasts for that particular issue of the printed licenses. In some cases, up to six years.
- Apple App Store Link to Download:
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/la-wallet/id1386930269?mt=8>
Google Play Link to Download:
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=gov.la.omv.lawallet>
- Karen G. St. Germain wrote a Rule implementing general requirements of the digital driver's license for the Office of Motor Vehicles: <https://envoc.io/2K0NY4J>
- LA Wallet is approved by the [Louisiana Secretary of State](#) for Louisiana voter identification.
- LA Wallet has received approval for all retail purchases of Alcohol and Tobacco from the Alcohol Tobacco Control (ATC).
- LA Wallet has not yet received approval by the TSA for REAL ID acceptance.
- Louisiana State Police are permitted to officially accept LA Wallet as a driver's license.
- LA Wallet can only hold one digital driver's license at a time.
- LA Wallet was built in collaboration with the State of Louisiana and State Law Enforcement with a "no touch" policy, meaning that an officer cannot touch your phone at a traffic stop. LA Wallet is designed so that you maintain possession of your phone at all times.