



CHAPTER 20
ARTICLE 3 - MOTOR VEHICLE ACT OF 1937

N.C.G.S. § 20-48.

Giving of notice.

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§ 20-48(a) Whenever the Division is authorized or required to give any notice under this Chapter or other law regulating the operation of vehicles, unless a different method of giving such notice is otherwise expressly prescribed, such notice shall be given either by personal delivery thereof to the person to be so notified or by deposit in the United States mail of such notice in an envelope with postage prepaid, addressed to such person at his address as shown by the records of the Division. The giving of notice by mail is complete upon the expiration of four days after such deposit of such notice. In lieu of providing notice by personal delivery or United States mail, the Division may give notice under this Chapter by email or other electronic means if the person to be notified has consented to receiving notices via electronic means and has provided the Division an email address or other like electronic address for receiving the notices. Proof of the giving of notice in any such manner pursuant to this section may be made by a notation in the records of the Division that the notice was sent to a particular address, physical or electronic, and the purpose of the notice. A certified copy of the Division's records may be sent by the Police Information Network, facsimile, or other electronic means. A copy of the Division's records sent under the authority of this section is admissible as evidence in any court or administrative agency and is sufficient evidence to discharge the burden of the person presenting the record that notice was sent to the person named in the record, at the physical or electronic address indicated in the record, and for the purpose indicated in the record. There is no requirement that the actual notice or letter be produced.

§ 20-48(a1) A person may consent to receive any notice under this Chapter by electronic delivery by completing a written or electronic authorization for this method of delivery. The

authorization must advise the person that all of the following apply to consent to electronic delivery of a notice:

- (1) Consent is effective until it is revoked in accordance with the procedure set by the Division.
- (2) At the option of the Division, electronic delivery may be the only method of delivery.
- (3) A notice sent by electronic delivery to an email or electronic address is considered to have been received even if the person to whom it is sent does not receive it.

§ 20-48(a2)

A person who consents to electronic notification pursuant to this section shall notify the Division of any change or discontinuance of any email or electronic address provided to the Division in accordance with the provisions of this section and G.S. 20-7.1(a). Upon the failure of a person to notify the Division of any change or discontinuance of an electronic notification pursuant to this section, any notices sent to the original or discontinued electronic address shall be deemed to have been received by the person and a copy of the Division's records sent under the authority of this section is sufficient evidence that notice was sent to the person named in the record, at the physical or electronic address indicated in the record, and for the purpose indicated in the record.

§ 20-48(b)

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter at any time notice is now required by registered mail with return receipt requested, certified mail with return receipt requested may be used in lieu thereof and shall constitute valid notice to the same extent and degree as notice by registered mail with return receipt requested.

§ 20-48(c)

The Commissioner shall appoint such agents of the Division as may be needed to serve revocation notices required by this Chapter. The fee for service of a revocation notice by personal delivery shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00).

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APPARATUS I
10 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1937	c. 407, s. 13	ENACTED
02	1955	c. 1187, s. 21	AMENDED
03	1971	c. 1231, s. 1	AMENDED
04	1975	c. 326, s. 3	AMENDED
05	1975	c. 716, s. 5	AMENDED
06	1983	c. 761, s. 148	AMENDED
07	1985	c. 479, s. 171	AMENDED
08	2006	S.L. 2006-253, s. 21	AMENDED
09	2016	S.L. 2016-90, s. 10(c)	AMENDED
10	2025	S.L. 2025-25, s. 29(1)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II

1 AUTHORITY

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 20-7.1(a)	(a2)	<i>"the provisions of this section and"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-48 (2025).

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