



## Answers to Frequently Misunderstood Facts



**What do I do first?** Your first step is to become a member of Americas Mailbox, Inc.

**Do I have to be in South Dakota to join?** NO. It is very simple to join LONG-DISTANCE, through the U.S. Mail, FedEx, UPS, fax or email. Your signed originals must eventually be physically shipped to our office to fully open the account, but you may start by sending them electronically to receive your unique address.

**When I join, am I immediately a South Dakota resident?** NO. Your driver's license is your main proof of residency. When you join you receive a unique address that is yours forever, and may be used legally to obtain a driver's license, register to vote, etc. Per federal regulations, you must spend **ONE (1) night every FIVE (5) years** anywhere in South Dakota to obtain and renew your driver's license. Beyond that your presence is NOT required.

**Do I need a South Dakota driver's license to register my vehicles?** NO. If you do not have one, that's OK. We can still get your plates for you. Your vehicles are registered to your Social Security number. Certain restrictions apply—you cannot receive any specialty plates until you have obtained the driver's license. A physically disabled parking permit hangtag good for 6 months can be obtained without having a South Dakota driver's license (when submitting the correct doctor's form).

**Do I have to be in South Dakota to register my vehicles?** NO. You may use a combination of the U.S. Mail, FedEx, UPS, fax and email. South Dakota has NO vehicle inspections nor proof of insurance required for registration (or at any other time). Your original notarized power of attorney allows us to obtain your title (if held by a lienholder) and act on your behalf at the courthouse. We do all the work for you. We'll fill out all your paperwork, we'll stand in line for you, and we'll walk out with your plates and registration. These are shipped to you per YOUR specific instructions.

**Do I have to show proof of insurance prior to registering my vehicles?** NO. You may fill out the insurance questionnaire from our embedded independent vehicle insurance agency since insurance follows the plates in South Dakota. The agents can write and bind the coverage as soon as we obtain your plates.

**When I join, is my address changed automatically with the Post Office?** NO. Only YOU can change your address, by contacting your correspondents individually, or by filling out a post office change-of-address card by following our supplied specific instructions.



## What is my Americas Mailbox address good for?



- \* Drivers License
- \* Voters Registration
- \* Legal domicile
- \* Vehicle Registrations
- \* Vehicle Insurance
- \* Concealed Weapons Permits
- \* Wills and Trusts

You can use your Americas Mailbox address to receive all, some or none of your mail.  
You can also use it to register all, some or none of your vehicles.