

Know your options before choosing your next driver's license or state ID card.



What you need to know about the Illinois REAL ID Program

Beginning Oct. 1, 2020, the federal government will require your driver's license or ID card (DL/ID) to be REAL ID compliant for use as identification to board a domestic flight or to enter a military base or a secure federal facility. Not every person needs a REAL ID card, which is why we offer you a choice. You decide if you need a REAL ID or standard DL/ID.

The application process for a REAL ID-compliant DL/ID requires enhanced security measures that meet mandated federal guidelines, even if you already have a standard DL/ID. As a result, you must provide documentation confirming your identity, Social Security number, residency and signature.

Please note that there is no immediate need to apply for a REAL ID-compliant DL/ID. Current Illinois DL/IDs will be accepted to board domestic flights and to enter military bases or secure federal facilities until Oct. 1, 2020.

I appreciate your help in making Illinois a REAL ID-compliant state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jesse White'.

Jesse White
Secretary of State

JESSE WHITE
SECRETARY OF STATE

You have time...

REAL ID

does not go into effect until
October 1, 2020.

Your current Illinois driver's license or ID card (DL/ID) will be accepted at airports, military bases and secure federal facilities until Oct. 1, 2020. Beginning spring 2019, we are providing you with the choice either to obtain a REAL ID card or to keep a standard card. Take time to know your options.

You **NEED** a REAL ID if:

- You do **not** have a valid U.S. passport or passport card; AND
- You use airplanes as a mode of domestic transportation; or
- You visit military bases; or
- You visit secure federal facilities.

You **DO NOT NEED** a REAL ID if:

- You have a valid U.S. passport or passport card; or
- You do **not** use airplanes as a mode of domestic transportation; or
- You do **not** visit military bases; or
- You do **not** visit secure federal facilities.

Action	Standard DL/ID	REAL ID DL/ID
Driving (DL only)	YES	YES
Using for general identification purposes	YES	YES
Boarding a domestic flight (U.S.) after Oct. 1, 2020	NO	YES
Entering a military base or secure federal facility after Oct. 1, 2020	NO	YES

For additional information:

833-503-4074

or visit:

REALID.ilsos.gov.

JESSE WHITE
SECRETARY OF STATE

Know your options.

Make the choice that is right for you.

Federal Limits Apply



Application Process for Standard Driver's License or ID

If your DL/ID is currently valid and not expiring soon, you do not need to do anything.

STEP 1: If your DL/ID is expiring soon, visit a Secretary of State Driver Services facility and take your photo and the required exams.

STEP 2: Receive a temporary, secure paper DL/ID at the facility.

STEP 3: After review and verification of documents have been conducted, your new permanent standard DL/ID will be mailed to you within 15 business days.

Fees for a Real ID and a standard DL/ID are the same.



For domestic travel, a U.S. passport or a REAL ID card is acceptable. For international travel, a U.S. passport is necessary.

For additional information about passports: npic@state.gov or 877-487-2778



Application Process for REAL ID Driver's License or ID

STEP 1: Visit a Secretary of State Driver Services facility and take your photo and the required exams.

STEP 2: All applicants must provide proof of identity. (Examples are: a U.S. birth certificate, a U.S. passport, an employment authorization document, a permanent resident card or a foreign passport with an approved I-94 form.) **Please note that name change documents, such as a marriage certificate, will be required if the applicant presents a birth certificate with a name different from his/her current name.*

STEP 3: All applicants must provide proof of full Social Security number (SSN). (Examples are: an SSN card, a W-2 or a pay stub with full SSN.)

STEP 4: All applicants must provide two current residency documents with the applicant's name. (Examples are: a utility bill, rental agreement, deed/title or bank statement.)

STEP 5: All applicants must provide proof of signature. (Examples are: a credit/debit card, canceled check or current Illinois DL/ID.)

STEP 6: Receive a temporary, secure paper DL/ID at the facility. **Please note that the TSA and federal agents will not accept the paper document.*

STEP 7: After review and verification of documents have been conducted, your new permanent REAL ID card will be mailed to you within 15 business days.

***For a complete list of acceptable documents for steps 2-5, please visit:**

REALID.ilsos.gov

As of Oct. 1, 2020, a REAL ID-compliant driver's license (DL) or identification card (ID) will be required to board domestic flights or enter military bases or secure federal facilities. To apply for a REAL ID DL/ID, please bring the appropriate documentation from each category specified below to your local Driver Services facility.



Acceptable Documents of Identification



Documents of identification that are acceptable for the purpose of obtaining a Real ID card are listed by group. All acceptable documents presented for verification or proof must be valid (current and not expired). Hard copy documents are required; images from a cellphone are not accepted. An applicant may print the image (e.g., bank statement) and provide the printed copy when presenting documentation. **Photocopies will not be accepted.**

GROUP 1: Proof of Identity, Date of Birth and U.S. Citizenship or Lawful Status

Requires one of the following documents:

- Certified copy of a birth certificate filed with a state office of vital statistics or equivalent agency in the individual's state of birth.
- U.S. passport or passport card.
- Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA) issued by the U.S. Department of State, Form FS-240, Form DS-1350 or Form DS-545.
- Certificate of Citizenship issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Form N-560 or Form N-561.
- Certificate of Naturalization issued by DHS, Form N-550 or Form N-570.
- Employment Authorization Document (EAD) issued by DHS, Form I-766 or Form I-688B.
- Foreign passport with a U.S. visa affixed accompanied by the approved Form I-94 documenting the applicant's most recent admittance to the United States.
- Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551) issued by DHS or the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.
- REAL ID DL/ID card issued in compliance with the standards of Part 37 of Title 6 of the Code of Federal Regulations (pursuant to federal rule, this document alone is not sufficient to prove lawful status).

Please note that name change documents, such as a marriage certificate, divorce decree, etc., will be required if the applicant's current name is different than the name that appears on the birth certificate. If a passport is in the applicant's current name, then name change documents are not needed.

GROUP 2: Full Social Security Number (SSN)

Requires one of the following documents:

- Social Security card.
- W-2.
- Pay stub or printed electronic deposit receipt bearing the applicant's name and SSN.
- SSA-1099 Form.
- Non-SSA-1099 Form.

GROUP 3: Residency

Requires two of the following documents:

All documents must contain full residence address. A document listed in Group 1, 2 or 3 that contains the full residence address is acceptable as proof of residency.

- Bank statement (dated within 90 days prior to application).
- Canceled check (dated within 90 days prior to application).
- Certified grade/high school or college/university transcript.
- Credit report issued by Experian, Equifax or TransUnion (dated within 12 months prior to application).
- Deed/title, mortgage or rental/lease agreement.
- Insurance policy (homeowner's or renter's).
- Letter on official school letterhead (dated within 90 days prior to application).
- Medical claim or statement of benefits from private insurance company or public (government) agency (dated within 90 days prior to application).
- Pay stub or printed electronic deposit receipt.
- Official mail received from a state, county, city or village, or a federal government agency that includes first and last name of the applicant and complete current address. This may include, but is not limited to:
 - Homestead Exemption receipt.
 - Jury duty notice (issued within 90 days prior to application).
 - Selective Service card.
 - Social Security annual statement.
 - Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) statement.
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits statement.
- Pension or retirement statement.
- Report card from grade/high school or college/university.
- Tuition invoice or other official mail from a college/university (dated within 12 months prior to application).
- Utility bill — electric, water, refuse, phone (land or cell), cable or gas (issued within 90 days prior to application).
- Voter registration card.

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GROUP 4: Written Signature

Requires one of the following documents:

- Illinois DL/ID.
- Temporary DL/ID or commercial learner's permit.
- Out-of-state DL/ID.
- Canceled check (dated within 90 days prior to application).
- Cooperative Driver Testing Program certificate.
- Court order.
- Credit card/debit card – major provider.
- Driver's license issued by an agency of the U.S. government (e.g., Department of State).
- Foreign passport.
- Identification card issued by an agency of the U.S. government.
- Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Identification Card Verification Form.
- Medicare card – with suffix A, J, H, M or T.
- Mortgage or installment loan documents.
- Social Security card.
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) forms:
 - Form I-551 (Permanent Resident Card).
 - Form I-766 (Employment Authorization Card).
 - Form I-94 (Arrival/Departure Record) with valid passport.
- U.S. military DL/ID.
- U.S. military service record (e.g., DD 214).

Additional Information

- After review of all identification presented, Driver Services or Secretary of State management has the right to accept or refuse any document.
- Applicants who are homeless applying for a no-fee REAL ID identification card must present one document from each of Group 1, 2 and 4, as well as a homeless status certification, as described in Section 1030.12, to satisfy the requirements for Group 3.
- Applicants who are under the age of 18 may submit documents from Groups 3 and 4 issued to their parent or guardian provided that they reside with the parent or guardian.



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