

Where can I get a REAL ID?

If you decide that a REAL ID is right for you, you have three options for applying for a REAL ID.

- **Apply online** (pre-verified customers only)
- **Visit any PennDOT Driver License Center** to have your documents verified and imaged, receive your REAL ID in the mail within 15 business days
- **Visit a PennDOT REAL ID Driver License Center** statewide to have your documents verified and imaged, receive your REAL ID at the time of service. To find a REAL ID Center near you, go to www.PennDOT.gov/REALID, and click on "REAL ID Center Locations."



Pre-Verify Online!

If you received your **FIRST** Pennsylvania driver's license, learner's permit or photo ID card **AFTER** September 1, 2003, PennDOT may already have your REAL ID documentation on file.

To find out if your required REAL ID documents are on file with PennDOT, visit www.PennDOT.gov/REALID.

If PennDOT confirms that your documents are on file, you can order your REAL ID online. Please allow up to 15 business days for processing.

Where can I go to learn more?

Visit our website at www.PennDOT.gov/REALID to learn more about REAL ID and decide if it is right for you. You will find detailed information about what documents you need to present, and answers to frequently asked questions about REAL ID.

For additional information about REAL ID from the United States Department of Homeland Security, visit www.dhs.gov and search for "REAL ID."

For a complete list of identification accepted by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), visit www.tsa.gov and search for "Identification."

Things to Remember:



Individual federal facilities—including military installations—may have different security measures and accepted forms of identification may vary. Contact the facility in advance of your visit to learn what forms of ID will be accepted.



You will still need a valid passport to travel internationally.



After **May 7, 2025**, you will need a REAL ID (or another TSA-approved form of ID) to board a commercial flight, even within the U.S.

Learn more at: www.PennDOT.gov/REALID

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REAL ID in Pennsylvania



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What is REAL ID?

The REAL ID Act is a federal law that affects how states issue driver's licenses and ID cards if they are going to be acceptable for federal purposes, such as boarding a domestic commercial flight, or entering a military installation or federal facility that requires ID.

Beginning May 7, 2025, Pennsylvanians will need a REAL ID-compliant license, identification card or another form of federally-acceptable identification (such as a valid passport or military ID) to:

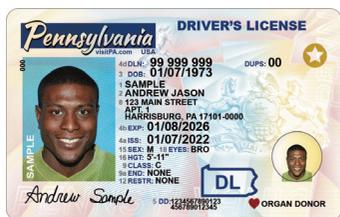
- Board domestic commercial flights
- Enter a military base
- Enter a federal facility that requires federally-acceptable identification

Do I have to get a REAL ID?

No. REAL ID is optional for Pennsylvania residents.

You will be able to get either a REAL ID driver's license or identification card, or a standard driver's license or identification card.

If you do not get a REAL ID, you must have an alternate form of federally-acceptable identification (valid passport, military ID, etc.) to board domestic commercial flights and enter certain federal facilities after **May 7, 2025**.



Standard
ID or DL

REAL ID
ID or DL

Driving (DL only)



General Identification
Purposes



Boarding a Domestic (U.S.)
Flight after May 7, 2025



Entering a Federal Facility
(that requires ID) or Military



You **DO NOT** need a REAL ID to:

- Drive
- Vote
- Access hospitals
- Visit the post office
- Access federal courts
- Apply for or receive federal benefits

How much does a REAL ID cost, and when will it expire?

You will pay a one-time fee of \$30, plus applicable renewal fee(s).

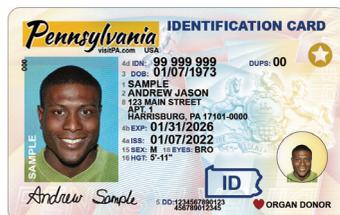
The expiration date of your first REAL ID license or ID card will include any time remaining on your current license or ID card, **plus an additional four years.***

For example, if your license is set to expire in May 2025, but you upgrade to a REAL ID in May 2024, your new REAL ID-compliant license or ID card will not expire until May 2029.

This means that you will not “lose” time that you have already paid for. After your first REAL ID license or photo ID expires, there are no additional fees to renew a REAL ID vs. a standard-issue ID.

If you are receiving your first Pennsylvania driver's license or photo ID and you would like to get a REAL ID, you will pay the one-time REAL ID fee, plus the regular initial issuance fee.

Please Note: Commercial driver license (CDL) holders may either apply to renew their CDL or apply for a duplicate CDL and pay the applicable fee(s).



*unless you are over 65 and have opted for a two-year license



How do I get a REAL ID?

You will need to bring the following documents to a PennDOT Driver Licensing Center:

• Proof of identity

Certified copy of a birth certificate filed with the State Office of Vital Records/Statistics with a raised/embossed seal or a valid, unexpired, U.S. Passport or Passport Card.

Non-US citizens please visit:

<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dmv/faqs/driver-licensing-faqs/real-id-faqs.html>

• Proof of Social Security

Social Security card in your current legal name (laminated/unlaminated) or, one of the following that displays ALL nine (9) digits of your social security number: W-2, SSA-1099 Form, Non SSA-1099 Form or Pay Stub.

• Two proofs of current, physical PA address

Examples: Current, unexpired PA driver's license or photo ID card; PA vehicle registration card; valid auto insurance card; computer-generated utility bill showing name and address; W-2 form/pay stub

All documents must be in current legal name.

• Proof of all legal name changes, if applicable

All certified marriage certificate(s), for each marriage to track name changes, issued by the county court (Clerk of Orphans Court, Registrar of Wills, etc.) in which the license was issued.

Court order(s) approving a change of legal name

Original or certified copy of an amended birth certificate issued by State Office of Vital Records/Statistics

For additional information on REAL ID documentation requirements and to download our printable document checklist, visit www.PennDOT.gov/REALID and click “Document Checklist.”



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