

# What Is REAL ID?

The REAL ID Act of 2005 establishes minimum security standards for license issuance and production and prohibits Federal agencies from accepting for certain purposes driver licenses and identification cards from states not meeting the Act's minimum standards. **Beginning May 3, 2023**, all persons must have a REAL ID license for accessing certain Federal buildings, entering nuclear facilities, and boarding commercial flights within the United States.

## REAL ID CREDENTIAL



REAL ID compliant driver licenses and Identification credentials have a gold circle with a star in the right corner of the license to indicate it is REAL ID compliant.

## STANDARD ID CREDENTIAL



Non-REAL ID driver licenses and identification credentials display the phrase, "NOT FOR REAL ID ACT PURPOSES" on the front of the credential.

### You do NOT need a REAL ID to:

- **Drive**
- **Vote**
- **Purchase alcohol or cigarettes**
- **Access hospitals**
- **Visit the post office**
- **Access federal courts**
- **Apply for or receive federal benefits such as social security or veterans' benefits**

	REAL ID Driver License or ID	Standard Driver License or ID
Driving (DL only)	✓	✓
General Identification Purposes	✓	✓
Boarding Domestic (U.S) Flights after May 3, 2023	✓	✗
Enter Federal Facility (that require ID) or Military Base	✓	✗



# ★ REAL ID FACT SHEET ★

## WHY REAL ID?

- The REAL ID Act of 2005 establishes minimum security standards for license issuance and production.
- The Act prohibits Federal agencies from accepting for certain purposes driver's licenses and identification cards from states not meeting the Act's minimum standards.
- A REAL ID will be required to board domestic (U.S.) flights, access some Federal facilities, and enter nuclear power facilities beginning - **May 3, 2023**.
- Creates nationwide effort to prevent terrorism, reduce identity theft and fraud, and improve reliability of identity documents issued by states.
- REAL ID security standards secure: the PEOPLE issuing credentials, the PLACES where credentials are issued, the PRINTED card, and the PRIVACY of personal information.



## REAL ID TIMELINE

- The Department of Homeland Security requires all states to be REAL ID compliant by **May 3, 2023**.
- The State of Tennessee will begin issuing REAL ID credentials in the Spring of 2019.

## REAL ID ISSUANCE

Before a REAL ID credential is issued, the State of Tennessee will have **verified**:

- Documentation of lawful status in the U.S. (e.g. U.S. citizen, lawful permanent resident, or authorized stay)
- Your SSN with the Social Security Administration
- That you reside in Tennessee
- That you don't hold multiples licenses in multiple identities in Tennessee or another state

Tennessee will process applications, issue licenses, and print REAL ID cards with three (3) levels of security features in a secure facility.

## REAL ID MYTHS

- **This is a national ID card.** The federal government is not issuing driver licenses or identification cards. They are only setting minimal standards for States to issue licenses that will be accepted by the federal government.
- **More people will have access to my personal identifying information.** As they do now, authorized officials at Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security and law enforcement will have access to driver license information.
- **TN REAL ID licenses will have a RFID chip.** No! Tennessee REAL ID compliant license will include three levels of security features that are resistant to counterfeiting.

## PROS OF REAL ID IN TENNESSEE

- Tennessee will be in compliance with federal law
- Tennessee's licensing process, credential cards, DL stations, driver records, and computer system will be more secure
- Tennessee's efforts to reduce identity theft, identity fraud, and crimes involving driver licenses and identification cards are enhanced
- Tennessee will support nationwide efforts to prevent terrorism
- Tennessee residents' personal identifying information will be more secure

## CONS OF TENNESSEE NOT COMPLYING WITH REAL ID

- Tennessee will be out of compliance with federal law
- Tennessee's licenses will not be accepted for federal purposes such as boarding planes and entering federal buildings





# REAL ID REQUIRED DOCUMENTS



All documents must be originals or certified. Photocopies will not be accepted.

Review the required documents needed from each section.

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## Proof of U.S. Citizenship or Legal Presence

These documents must show the applicant's legal name and full date of birth. Applicant must present **one** (1) of the following documents:

- U.S. birth certificate from State Office of Vital Statistics or equivalent with a raised and/or color seal
- Valid, unexpired U.S. passport or passport card
- U.S. certificate or consular report of birth abroad (FS-240, DS-1350 or FS-545)
- Valid, unexpired Permanent Resident Card issued by DHS or INS (I-551)
- Unexpired Employment Authorization Document issued by DHS (I-766 or I-688B)
- Unexpired foreign passport with valid U.S. visa and approved I-94 form
- Certificate of Naturalization issued by DHS (N-550, N-570, or N-578)
- Certificate of Citizenship issued by DHS (N-560 or N-561)

If there has been a **name change** from the Proof of U.S. Citizenship or Legal Presence presented, certified legal document supporting name change must be presented. This may require presentation of multiple documents. Examples of supporting documents:

- Marriage certificate
- Divorce decree
- Court order

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## Proof of Social Security Number

Applicant must furnish their Social Security Number. If it is not known, **one** (1) of the following approved documents showing applicant's name and **full** Social Security Number is acceptable:

- W-2
- 1099
- Social Security Card
- Payroll check stub

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## Two Proofs of Tennessee Residency

These documents must show the applicant's name and physical address. Applicant must present **two** (2) of the following documents with one document dated within the last four (4) months:

- Home utility bill (i.e. Home or mobile phone, gas, electric, water from different providers)
- Current Tennessee vehicle registration or certificate of title (may use one, not both)
- Current Tennessee Voter Registration card
- IRS tax return
- Bank statement
- Payroll check stub
- Current rental/mortgage contract or receipt, including deed of sale for property; handwritten rental contracts or agreements must be notarized
- Current homeowner or renter insurance policy
- Current automobile, life or health insurance policy
- Receipt for personal property or real estate taxes paid within the previous year
- Installment loans, such as automobile, student loan, bank loans
- Current employer verification of resident address or letter from employer as long as it is on company letterhead with original signature; if employer does not have letterhead, then signature of employer must be notarized
- Current Driver License or ID or Handgun Carry Permit issued by the Tennessee Department of Safety to a parent, legal guardian or spouse of the applicant
- Applicant's Driver License, ID or Handgun Carry Permit issued by the Tennessee Department of Safety