

★ 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