



## **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. 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.

To see what documents you need to apply for a REAL ID, visit the [REAL ID Interactive Checklist](#).

## Know Your Options...

All Driver Services facilities are issuing REAL IDs, with the exception of mobile units and express facilities (Diversey, Lockport, Orland Park, Rockford Auburn St., Roscoe, Washington and Wheaton).

### **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.

### **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.

# Make the choice that is right for you.



## 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 any 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.



## 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 any required exams.

**Step 2:** All applicants must provide proof of identity. (Examples are: a certified 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.) \*Name change documents, such as certified copies of a marriage certificate, divorce decree, etc., will be required if the applicant presents a certified birth certificate with a name different from his/her current name. **Please note: Multiple name change documents will be required if your name has changed multiple times.**

**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 a 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.

Complete this simple [interactive checklist](#) to find out exactly what documents you will need to bring to apply for a REAL ID DL/ID before visiting a Driver Services facility.

- Fees for a standard DL/ID and REAL ID DL/ID are the same.
- If you recently renewed, or if your license does not expire for more than one year, you may apply for a REAL ID and pay a \$5 corrected fee. Your REAL ID will retain the same expiration date as your original license.
- 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, visit the [U.S. Department of State](#), email [npic@state.gov](mailto:npic@state.gov) or call 877-487-2778.
- For a complete list of acceptable documents, please view the [Acceptable Identification Documents Chart](#). Please note per federal law, the documents you bring in will be scanned.
- For more information on REAL ID, call 833-503-4074

Action	Standard DL/ID	REAL ID DL/ID

### Important Dates

- Current Illinois DL/IDs accepted for flying until Oct. 1, 2020.

Driving (DL only)	YES	YES
Using for general identification purposes	YES	YES
Boarding a domestic flight (U.S.) after Oct. 1, 2020	NO	YES

- Due to extended time available before this regulation takes effect, there is plenty of time to obtain a REAL ID-compliant card

## REAL ID Resources

- [Apply for a U.S. Passport or Passport Card](#)
- [Apply for a Certified Copy of Birth Certificate](#)
- [Apply for a Replacement Social Security Card](#)
- [FAQs](#)
- [REAL ID PSA 60Sec](#)
- [REAL ID PSA 30Sec](#)
- [REAL ID PSA Radio PSA](#)
- [REAL ID Brochure](#)
- [REAL ID Document Checklist - Acceptable Documents of Identification](#)
- [REAL ID Interactive Checklist](#)
- [REAL ID Poster](#)
- [TSA Identification](#)
- [Secretary of State Facility Finder](#)

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