



REAL ID DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

Effective **May 7, 2025**, a **REAL ID-compliant driver's license (DL) or identification card (ID)** will be required to board domestic flights unless you have a valid U.S. passport. 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 county of birth.
- Valid 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 FS-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 valid 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).

Name change documents, such as a **certified marriage certificate**, 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. **Multiple name change documents will be required if your name has changed multiple times.**

GROUP 2: Full Social Security Number (SSN)

Requires one of the following documents:

- Social Security card.
- W-2 with full SSN.
- Most recent pay stub or printed electronic deposit receipt bearing the applicant's name and full 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 or 2 that contains the full residence address is acceptable as proof of residency. Account numbers must be visible.

- 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 card statement (dated within 90 days prior to application) Visa, Mastercard, American Express or Discover.
- 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.
- Phone book (produced by a phone book publisher).
- 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.

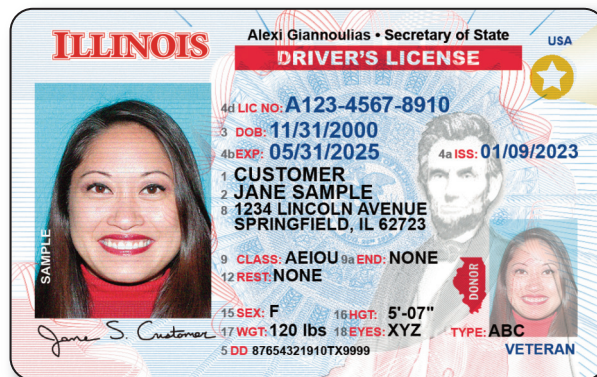
GROUP 4: Written Signature

Requires one of the following documents:

- Illinois DL/ID (current or expired less than one year).
- Temporary DL/ID or Commercial Learner's Permit.
- Out-of-state DL/ID (current).
- Canceled check (dated within 90 days prior to application).
- Cooperative Driver Testing Program Certificate.
- Court order.
- Credit card/debit card – Visa, Mastercard, American Express or Discover.
- DL/ID (current) issued by an agency of the U.S. government (e.g., Department of State).
- Passport (U.S. or foreign).
- 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

- Per federal law, an individual can hold a REAL ID driver's license or a REAL ID identification card, but not both simultaneously.
- 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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