

How can I get a REAL ID?

If you decide that a REAL ID is right for you, you have three options for obtaining one:

- **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 REAL ID 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 —no need to visit a driver's license center!

Where can I go to learn more?

To get the most up-to-date, accurate information about REAL ID in Pennsylvania, visit PennDOT.gov/REALID.

Visit our website 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 federal Department of Homeland Security, visit www.dhs.gov and search for "REAL ID."

For a complete list of identification accepted by 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 October 1, 2020, 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

REAL ID in Pennsylvania



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 October 1, 2020, 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 ID at the door

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 October 1, 2020.



Standard ID or DL REAL ID ID or DL

Driving (DL only)	✓	✓
General Identification Purposes	✓	✓
Boarding a Domestic (U.S.) Flight after October 1, 2020	✗	✓
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

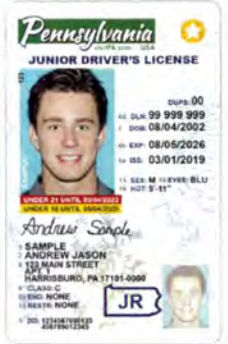
How much does a REAL ID cost, and when will it expire?

You will pay a one-time fee of \$30, plus a renewal fee. 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 October 2020, but you upgrade to a REAL ID in October 2019, your new REAL ID-compliant license or ID card will not expire until October 2024.

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.



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

How do I prepare to get a REAL ID?

The best thing you can do to prepare for REAL ID is to get your documents together.

Federal regulations require that PennDOT must verify original versions or certified copies of the following documents before issuing a REAL ID:

- Proof of identity**
Original or certified copy of a U.S. birth certificate with a raised seal, issued by an authorized government agency, or valid U.S. Passport.
- Proof of Social Security number**
Social Security card.
- Two proofs of current, physical PA address**
Examples: Current, unexpired PA license or ID and a no more than 90-day-old bank statement or current PA vehicle registration, auto insurance card or utility bill showing utility bill with the same name and address.
- Proof of all legal name changes, if applicable**
Certified Marriage certificate, court order or divorce decree issued by your county's family court.

If you are a lawfully present non-U.S. citizen, acceptable documents include:

- Valid Unexpired Permanent Resident Card: 1-551 (Green Card) Issued by DHS or INS
- Valid Unexpired Foreign Passport with a Valid Visa, and an I-94
- Machine-readable Immigrant Visa

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



Learn more at:
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