

# REAL ID

*Are you ready?*

Beginning **May 7, 2025**, residents of every U.S. state and territory will be required to present a REAL ID-compliant driver license or ID card, or another form of ID accepted by the Transportation Security Administration, to board federally regulated domestic flights.

Individuals must also present a REAL ID-compliant driver license or ID card to access federal facilities, including military bases and federal courthouses, and to enter nuclear power plants.



Missouri's REAL ID-compliant driver licenses and nondriver ID cards will have a **star** in the upper right-hand corner. A license or ID card that is not compliant with REAL ID will have **"Not for REAL ID Purposes"** in the upper right-hand corner.

For more information, including where to obtain your REAL ID, visit [dor.mo.gov](https://dor.mo.gov)

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any well-established, verifiable, business or organization. Other mailed bills or statements such as household repairs, car repairs, veterinarian visits, yard maintenance, etc.

- For persons under 21 years of age only, a parent or legal guardian may provide a document in their name and address and a statement that the applicant resides in their household. (May only be used to meet one of the two required documents.)

**NOTE:** All commercial driver license and commercial learner's permit applicants must submit **two documents** to verify residence address. Acceptance timelines for some documents will differ. Refer to the Acceptable Document List for Commercial Driver License applicant's at [dor.mo.gov](http://dor.mo.gov). Otherwise eligible applicants with no change to residence or mailing address as shown on current document, based on previously verified documents scanned and retained by the Department, may be waived from presentation of address verification documents. Such waiver does not apply to applications for a first-time REAL ID or any CDL.

## NAME CHANGE

Required to verify full legal name or requested name change if applicable. More than one may be required to verify connection to identity and lawful status document presented.

- Certified Marriage License
- Certified Divorce Decree
- Certified Adoption Papers
- Amended Birth Certificate
- Other Certified Court Order

**NOTE:** These document requirements are for first-time REAL ID applications. Visit the website to see requirements for issuance of a renewal or duplicate of a prior REAL ID compliant card.

If you previously served or are currently serving on active duty in the United States Armed Forces, visit [dor.mo.gov/military/](http://dor.mo.gov/military/) to see the services and benefits we offer to all eligible military individuals. A list of all state agency resources and benefits can be found at [veteranbenefits.mo.gov/state-benefits/](http://veteranbenefits.mo.gov/state-benefits/).

## WHAT IS IT?

As of **May 7, 2025**, every air traveler **18 years of age and older** is required to present a REAL ID-compliant driver license or ID card, or another form of ID accepted by the Transportation Security Administration, to board federally regulated domestic flights. **Travelers who do not present a REAL ID-compliant license or acceptable alternative will not be permitted through the security checkpoint.**

## WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Missouri's REAL ID-compliant driver licenses and nondriver ID cards will have a **star** in the upper right-hand corner.



A license or ID card that is not compliant with REAL ID will have **"Not for REAL ID Purposes"** in the upper right-hand corner.



## DO I NEED ONE?

**YES** ✈️ 🏛️ 🏠

- Flying domestically
- Accessing federal facilities, military bases and federal courthouses
- Entering nuclear power plants

**NO** 🚗 🗳️ 📅

- Driving
- Voting or Registering to Vote
- State Purposes
- Age Verification
- You hold another form of identification that meets federal requirements, such as a valid U.S. passport or passport card

## HOW DO I GET ONE?

To apply for a REAL ID-compliant driver license or nondriver ID card, gather the necessary documents and visit a license office location near you. **Anyone wishing to apply for a REAL ID-compliant license or ID card must notify the person assisting them at the start of their transaction.**

# REAL ID REQUIREMENTS



You can find a full, interactive list of REAL ID acceptable documents and additional information for document acceptance at [dor.mo.gov/driver-license/issuance/real-id/](http://dor.mo.gov/driver-license/issuance/real-id/)



# WHAT DOCUMENTS DO I NEED TO APPLY?



**NOTE:** These document requirements are for first-time REAL ID applications.

## IDENTITY

One (1) of these documents with your full name and date of birth:

- Valid, Unexpired U.S. passport/card
- Certified U.S. Birth Certificate
- U.S. Birth Abroad
- Certificate of Naturalization
- Certificate of Citizenship
- Valid, Unexpired Permanent Resident Card
- Valid Foreign Passport stamped approved or processed for an I-551
- Valid, Unexpired Arrival/Departure Record I-94 with "Temporary I-551" stamp
- Valid, Unexpired Employment Authorization Document (EAD)
- Valid, Unexpired Foreign Passport with a valid, unexpired US visa accompanied by an I-94
- Valid, Unexpired Out of State Real ID driver's license, permit or identification card
- Valid, Unexpired Missouri Real ID driver's license, permit or identification card

## LAWFUL STATUS

One (1) of these documents with your full name and date of birth:

- Valid, Unexpired U.S. passport/card
- Certified U.S. Birth Certificate
- U.S. Birth Abroad
- Certificate of Naturalization
- Certificate of Citizenship
- Valid, Unexpired Permanent

### Resident Card

- Valid, Unexpired Employment Authorization Document (EAD)
- Valid, Unexpired Foreign Passport with a valid, unexpired U.S. visa accompanied by an I-94

*\*Please note that some documents are eligible to be used as both identity and lawful status verification.*

Some immigration admission types may require submission of secondary immigration documents to complete verification inquiries. A full list of these documents can be found at [dor.mo.gov/driver-license/issuance/real-id/interactive-guide.html](http://dor.mo.gov/driver-license/issuance/real-id/interactive-guide.html).

## SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

One (1) of these documents that must contain your name and full Social Security Number (SSN), cannot be laminated or altered in any way:

- Social Security Card (must be signed if age 18 or older)
- W-2 Form
- SSA-1099 Form
- Non-SSA-1099 Form
- Pay Stub with applicant's name and SSN
- No Social Security Number verification letter from the Social Security Administration (Only acceptable when submitted with an Unexpired Foreign Passport with a valid, unexpired U.S. visa accompanied by an I-94)

**Applicants with a previously verified SSN on file may be eligible to provide their number verbally.**

## PROOF OF RESIDENCE

Two (2) documents required from two (2) separate sources listed below that include your name and the same city, state and zip code of your residence address issued within one year (unless otherwise defined). If you have an alternate mailing address, an additional document from this list must be presented to verify the mailing address. **Documents must be presented in hard copy format for verification and scanning.**

- **Utility Bill** (phone, water, gas, electric, trash, sewer, internet, and cable)
- **Federal, State, or Local Government Correspondence or Documents** (An official letter or document from federal, state, or local government (municipality or county) agency including but not limited to: mailed correspondence, U.S. Postal Service notice or address change, Veteran's Administration letter, birth certificate with the mailing receipt still attached, social security card with the mailed receipt still attached, student loan statement, savings bond, military document (including form DD214), W2, W-2G, W-2C, 1099 Form, property tax assessment, property tax notice, property tax receipt, statement of non-assessment, real estate tax assessment or tax payment receipt)
- **Financial Documents and Checks** (Documents where a financial relationship exists between the individual and any of the following: bank, credit card, credit union, recognized store credit card, or investment and retirement accounts. Employer issued pay check, social security benefit check, tax refund check, refund check from other recognized organization, or federal or state benefit check)

- **Insurance Policies and Medical Documents** (Notice, statement or card related to vehicle insurance, health insurance, renter's insurance, homeowner's insurance, special or unique homeowner's insurance, life insurance, and long term care insurance policies. Hospital or medical bills, explanation of benefits, dental records, vision examination records)
- **Educational and Professional Licensing Documents** (Any letter from academic institution (including a Missouri-based homeschool organization for the current school year, or any license or notice of licensing for a nurse, physician, engineer, electrician, esthetician, or other federal, state or local licensing boards, etc.)

**An applicant may submit only one (1) document from any of the following categories that include your name and residence address.**

- **Missouri Voter Registration Card** (issued within two years)
- **Housing Documents** (Mortgage, mortgage statement, fully executed leasing agreement, rental agreement, deed, homeowner association letter)
- **Letter from Homeless Shelter** (Letter from shelter issued within the **previous 90 days** indicating the applicant is residing as part of their residential assistance program)
- **Missouri Safe at Home (SAH) Program Card** (Issued by the Secretary of State)
- **Motor Vehicle or Driver License Renewal Postcard or Unexpired Missouri driver license, nondriver license or instruction permit**
- **Postmarked Envelopes** (A postmarked envelope must contain the name and address of the applicant and the name and return address from



# REAL ID

Use the chart below to determine which documents are acceptable for your specific purpose

	Non REAL ID Driver License	Non REAL ID Non Driver License	Non REAL ID Permit (Drive with a licensed driver)	REAL ID Driver License	REAL ID Non Driver License	REAL ID Permit (Drive with a licensed driver)	Passport Card	Passport Book
License to Drive	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X
Voting or Registering to Vote	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Boarding a domestic U.S. flight, <b>prior to</b> May 7, 2025	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Boarding a domestic U.S. flight, <b>on or after</b> May 7, 2025	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Entering a federal building <b>prior to</b> May 7, 2025	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Entering a military base <b>prior to</b> May 7, 2025	*	*	*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Entering a federal building or military <b>on or after</b> May 7, 2025	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Traveling by land or sea to Canada, Mexico, Bermuda or the the Caribbean	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	✓
International Travel by air, sea or land	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓

**\* MILITARY POLICY CHANGE**

The U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) recently finalized an update to its DoD-wide installation security policy and is in the process of no longer accepting noncompliant marked cards across all of its facilities and installations. This means the military is in the process of no longer accepting driver licenses or nondriver identification cards marked as being noncompliant with REAL ID for the purposes of accessing a military base. This policy change impacts DoD installations in all states, not just Missouri.

Prior to May 7, 2025, military bases will accept licenses and ID cards marked as being REAL ID-compliant or Missouri licenses and ID cards issued prior to March 25, 2019, which have no REAL ID marking, compliant or noncompliant. In Missouri, a license or ID card that is noncompliant with REAL ID will have “Not for REAL ID Purposes” in the upper right-hand corner. Anyone attempting to access a military base with a Missouri-issued license or ID card marked as “Not for REAL ID Purposes” may be denied entry.

To ensure you have the proper identification, you should contact the military base you plan to visit in advance to obtain information regarding identification requirements.