

Effective **Oct. 1, 2021**, a REAL ID-compliant driver's license (DL) or identification card (ID) will be required to board domestic flights or enter military bases or secure federal facilities 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
- The most recent pay stub or printed electronic deposit receipt bearing the applicant's name and 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.
- 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.

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## GROUP 4: Written Signature

Requires one of the following documents:

- Illinois DL/ID.
- Temporary DL/ID or commercial learner's permit.
- Out-of-state DL/ID.
- 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.
- Driver's license issued by an agency of the U.S. government (e.g., Department of State).
- Foreign passport.
- Identification card issued by an agency of the U.S. government.
- 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

- 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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