

Do I have to get a REAL ID compliant driver's license or identification card?

No. A REAL ID compliant driver's license or identification card is a choice, not a requirement. You do not need a REAL ID compliant driver's license or identification card to do any of the following:

- Drive
- Register to vote
- Apply for or receive federal benefits
- Financial transactions
- Rent a vehicle
- Enter a federal facility that does not require an ID such as a post office
- Purchase alcohol or tobacco
- Access health services

Also, **you do not need a REAL ID for domestic airline flights or to enter most federal facilities if you already have an *unexpired* U.S. passport or passport card, foreign passport, or immigration document** such as a permanent resident card or employment authorization card. For more information see <https://www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/identification>

Why would I want a REAL ID compliant driver's license or identification card?

Your REAL ID compliant driver's license or identification card, and other federally accepted forms of identification, can be used to board a commercial flight or visit a secure federal building on or after May 7, 2025. Visit <https://www.dhs.gov/real-id> for more REAL ID information.

What documents will I need to obtain a REAL ID compliant driver's license or identification card?

If you choose to apply for a REAL ID compliant driver's license or identification card, you will need to present original or certified copies of the following documents:

- One document that establishes identity, date of birth, and proof of U.S. citizenship, lawful permanent residence, or temporary lawful status in the U.S.
- Provide social security number (card not required) or evidence of social security number ineligibility.
- Two documents to establish proof of residence in the State of Maine, such as a utility bill and mortgage statement (P.O. Box is not acceptable).

For a list of acceptable documents go to: www.maine.gov/sos/bmv/licenses/REALIDidentitydocs.docx

What if my name has changed?

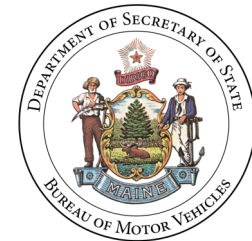
If your name has been legally changed and now differs from your identity document(s) (i.e., birth certificate or passport), proof of the name change must be provided to obtain a REAL ID. Acceptable documents supporting a legal name change include a marriage license, divorce decree, or court order. *In all cases, the documents must show a clear trail of name changes from the name on the identity document to the current name.*

Bureau of Motor Vehicles

License Services Division

REAL ID

What you need to know



Telephone: 207-624-9000 ext 52114

Email: License.BMV@maine.gov

Website: www.maine.gov/realid

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What is the difference between a REAL ID compliant and a non-compliant driver's license or identification card?

Appearance—A REAL ID compliant driver's license and identification card will be marked with a star symbol on the face of the card. A non-compliant driver's license or identification card will not have the star and will display text indicating that it cannot be used for federal purposes.



Usage – A compliant driver's license or identification card will be accepted for federal identification purposes such as domestic air travel or access to certain federal facilities.

Can I have both a REAL ID driver's license and identification card?

No. REAL ID regulations specify you can only have one REAL ID compliant card - either a driver's license or identification card.

Can I board a plane with the license I have now?

Yes. Current Maine issued driver's licenses and identification cards not marked with a star symbol will remain acceptable as identification for boarding domestic commercial flights until May 6, 2025.



NOTE that if you have any other documents on the [TSA list of acceptable documents](#), including an unexpired U.S. passport or passport card, foreign passport, or immigration document such as a permanent resident card or employment authorization card, you can use those to board a domestic airline flight, without needing to get a REAL ID.

Is a child required to have a REAL ID compliant driver's license or identification card to fly?

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) does not currently require a child under the age of 18 to have a REAL ID compliant driver's license or identification card when flying with an adult who has a REAL ID compliant driver's license or identification card.

Will a non-REAL ID compliant driver's license or identification card be less secure?

No. Maine BMV is committed to ensuring the security of all driver's licenses and identification cards whether they are REAL ID compliant or not.

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How much will a REAL ID compliant driver's license or identification card cost?

Identification card original or renewal (any age)	\$30.00
Non-commercial license original or renewal (under 65)	\$55.00
Non-commercial license original or renewal (65 plus)	\$40.00
Commercial license original or renewal (under 65)	\$59.00
Commercial license original or renewal (65 plus)	\$47.00
All duplicate licenses or duplicate identification cards	\$30.00

When can I get a REAL ID driver's license or identification card?

REAL ID compliant driver's licenses and identification cards are available now.

Where do I go to get a REAL ID compliant driver's license or identification card?

Your initial application for a REAL ID compliant driver's license or identification card must be done in person at a BMV branch office or mobile unit. You will not be able to use the online renewal service.

NOTE: *the AAA locations where normal licenses and State IDs are issued are **NOT** authorized to issue REAL IDs.*