

Effective **May 7, 2025**, you will need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license (DL) or identification card (ID) to board domestic flights or to visit certain federal buildings unless you have a valid U.S. passport. To apply for a REAL ID DL/ID, please bring the required documents listed below to your local DMV.



## Acceptable Documents of Identification



Documents of identification that are acceptable for getting a REAL ID card are listed by group below. **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. You 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:

<input type="checkbox"/> Certified copy of a birth certificate filed with a state office of vital statistics or equivalent agency in your county of birth	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Naturalization issued by DHS, Form N-550 or Form N-570
<input type="checkbox"/> Valid U.S. passport or passport card	<input type="checkbox"/> Employment Authorization Document (EAD) issued by DHS, Form I-766 or Form I-688B
<input type="checkbox"/> Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA) issued by the U.S. Department of State, Form FS-240, Form DS-1350 or Form FS-545	<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign passport with a valid U.S. visa affixed accompanied by the approved Form I-94 documenting your most recent admittance to the United States
<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Citizenship issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Form N-560 or Form N-561	<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551) issued by DHS or the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service

Name change documents, such as a **certified marriage certificate**, etc., will be required if your current name differs from the name on your birth certificate. If a passport is in your 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 only if you have not previously held an Illinois driver's license or identification card and provided documentation of your SSN:

<input type="checkbox"/> Social Security card	<input type="checkbox"/> SSA-1099 Form
<input type="checkbox"/> W-2 with full SSN	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-SSA-1099 Form
<input type="checkbox"/> Most recent pay stub or printed electronic deposit receipt showing your name and full SSN	

### GROUP 3: Residency

Requires two of the following documents:

All documents must contain your full residence address. A document listed in Group 1 or 2 that contains your full residence address is acceptable as proof of residency. Account numbers must be visible.

<input type="checkbox"/> Bank statement (dated within 90 days of application)	<input type="checkbox"/> Official mail received from a state, county, city, village or federal government agency that includes your first and last name and complete current address. This may include, but is not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homestead Exemption receipt</li> <li>• Jury duty notice (issued within 90 days of application)</li> <li>• Selective Service card</li> <li>• Social Security annual statement</li> <li>• Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) statement</li> <li>• Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits statement</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> Canceled check (dated within 90 days of application)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pension or retirement statement
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified grade/high school or college/university transcript	<input type="checkbox"/> Phone book (produced by a phone book publisher)
<input type="checkbox"/> Credit card statement (dated within 90 days of application) Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover or Diners Club	<input type="checkbox"/> Report card from grade/high school or college/university
<input type="checkbox"/> Credit report issued by Experian, Equifax or TransUnion (dated within 12 months of application)	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuition invoice or other official mail from a college/university (dated within 12 months of application)
<input type="checkbox"/> Illinois deed/title, mortgage or rental/lease agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> Utility bill — electric, water, refuse, phone (land or cell), cable or gas (issued within 90 days of application)
<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance policy (homeowner's or renter's)	<input type="checkbox"/> Voter registration card
<input type="checkbox"/> Letter on official school letterhead (dated within 90 days of application)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical claim or statement of benefits from private insurance company or public (government) agency (dated within 90 days of application)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pay stub or printed electronic deposit receipt	

## GROUP 4: Written Signature

Requires one of the following documents:

<input type="checkbox"/> Illinois DL/ID (current or expired less than 1 year)	<input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Identification Card Verification Form
<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary DL/ID or Commercial Learner's Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Medicare card – with suffix A, J, H, M or T
<input type="checkbox"/> Out-of-state DL/ID (current)	<input type="checkbox"/> Mortgage or installment loan documents
<input type="checkbox"/> Canceled check (dated within 90 days of application)	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Security card
<input type="checkbox"/> Consular Card	<input type="checkbox"/> 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
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative Driver Testing Program Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. military DL/ID
<input type="checkbox"/> Court order	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. military service record (e.g., DD 214)
<input type="checkbox"/> Credit card/debit card – Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover or Diners Club	
<input type="checkbox"/> DL/ID (current) issued by an agency of the U.S. government (e.g., Department of State)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Passport (U.S. or foreign)	

## Additional Information

- Per federal law, you can hold either a REAL ID driver's license or a REAL ID identification card, but not both at the same time.
- 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 meet the requirements for Group 3.
- Applicants aged 17 and under may submit documents from Groups 3 and 4 that are issued to their parent or guardian, as long as they live with them.



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