

## ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE

### Document Requirements to Obtain a Driver's License/State ID Card

The Acceptable Identification Documents chart (reverse) lists documents that may be used as forms of identification to provide proof of legal name, date of birth, Lawful Status, Social Security number and residency when applying for a driver's license (DL) or identification card (ID).

Please note the following:

- Signature comparison is required in the verification process.
- The number of documents required depends on whether you are applying for a DL/ID for the first time, or requesting a duplicate or corrected DL/ID.
- One document may satisfy more than one group.
- If you are a new resident, you must surrender all out-of-state licenses/ID cards before issuance of an Illinois DL/ID.
- If you are applying for a VISA/NONVISA DL/ID, you do not have to present documents from Group C. Instead, you must sign a declaration at the time of application that you are ineligible to obtain a Social Security number.
- If your Illinois DL/ID has been expired for over a year, you may only need a document from Group A and D.

#### First-time Illinois DL/ID or First-time REAL ID (even if you hold or have held a standard Illinois DL/ID)

If you are applying for a driver's license or ID card for the first time in Illinois, you must present:

##### Standard DL/ID

- One document that satisfies each of Group A, B, C and D.

##### REAL ID DL/ID

- One document that satisfies each of Group A, B and C, and two from D.

#### Duplicate DL/ID

If you are applying for a DL/ID, you must present:

##### Standard DL/ID

- One document that satisfies Group A.

##### REAL ID DL/ID

- One document that satisfies Group A.

#### Corrected Driver's License/ID Card Applicant

If you are applying for a corrected driver's license or ID card, you must present:

##### Standard DL/ID

- One document that satisfies Group A.
- One document from Group D if requesting an address change.

##### REAL ID DL/ID

- One document that satisfies Group A.
- Two documents from Group D if requesting an address change.

#### Illinois Driver's License/ID Card Renewal Applicant

If you are renewing a current Illinois driver's license or ID card, you must present:

##### Standard DL/ID

- One document that satisfies Group A.
- One document from Group D if requesting an address change.

##### REAL ID DL/ID

- One document that satisfies Group A.
- Two documents from Group D if requesting an address change.

NOTE: If you request a change in name, date of birth, Social Security number or gender, you must provide identification to link the change from the previous information to the new information.

**\*To ensure you have all documents required for a REAL ID, visit <https://realid.ilsos.gov/checklist.html>.**

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# ACCEPTABLE IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS

## PHOTOCOPIES ARE NOT ACCEPTED • Documents marked with (\*) are accepted for REAL ID.

All acceptable documents presented must be within acceptable timeframe, must be valid (current and unexpired) unless otherwise noted. One document may satisfy more than one Group. To ensure you have all the documents required for a REAL ID, visit <https://realid.ilsos.gov/checklist.html>.

### Group A — Written Signature

- Canceled Check (dated within 90 days of application)\*
- Consular Card (current\* or expired less than 2 years)
- Cooperative Driver Testing Program Certificate\*
- Court Order\*
- Credit Card/Debit Card (major brand)\*
- Driver's License/ID Card (current) issued by an agency of the U.S. government\*
- Foreign Passport (current\* or expired less than 2 years)
- Illinois Driver's License (current or expired less than 1 year)\*
- Illinois ID Card (current or expired less than 1 year)\*
- Medicare Card\*
- Mortgage or Installment Loan Documents\*
- Out-of-State Driver's License/ID Card (current)\*
- Social Security Card\*
- Temporary DL/CLP/ID Card\*
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Forms — I-551 (Permanent Resident Card); I-766 (Employment Authorization Card); I-94 (Arrival/Departure Record) with Valid Passport\*
- U.S. Military Driver's License/ID Card\*
- U.S. Military Service Record (e.g., DD214)\*
- U.S. Passport (current\* or expired less than 2 years)

Acceptable major brand credit cards (for signature verification only) include American Express, Diners Club, Discover, Mastercard and Visa.

### Group B — Date of Birth

- Adoption Records
- Birth Certificate\*
- Certified Grade/High School/College/University Transcript
- Citizenship Certificate (N560/N561)\*
- Consular Card (current or expired less than 2 years)
- Consular Report of Birth Abroad\*
- Court Order (Change of birth date)
- Illinois Driver's License (current or expired less than 1 year)
- Illinois ID Card (current or expired less than 1 year)
- Naturalization Certificate (N550/N570)\*
- REAL ID Driver's License/ID Card (current or expired less than 1 year)
- Social Security Award Letter (primary beneficiary only)
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Forms — I-551 (Permanent Resident Card); I-571 (Refugee Travel Document); I-766 (Employment Authorization Card); I-797A (Notice of Action Status Change); I-94 (Arrival/Departure Record) with Valid Passport\*
- U.S. Military Driver's License/ID Card (current or expired less than one year)
- U.S. Military Service Record (e.g., DD214)
- U.S. Passport or Passport Card (current\* or expired less than 2 years)
- U.S. Visa

Group B documents must include your full name and complete date of birth and must be verifiable. To be verifiable, it must be possible to contact the regulatory authority to confirm the document's authenticity. Documents marked with an [\*] are also accepted to prove legal presence.

Birth Certificates must be original or certified by a Board of Health or Bureau of Vital Statistics within the U.S. or by the U.S. State Department, U.S. territories or Canada. A certified copy is a document produced by the issuing jurisdiction with an embossed seal or an original stamped impression. Foreign passports and birth certificates are accepted as proof if accompanied by any other item in Group B.

### Group C — Social Security Number

- Illinois Driver's License Record (verified)
- Illinois ID Card Record (verified)
- Non-SSA-1099 Form\*
- Pay stub or printed electronic deposit receipt showing your name and SSN\*
- Social Security Award Letter (primary beneficiary only)
- Social Security Card (issued by SSA)\*
- SSA-1099 Form\*
- U.S. Military Driver's License/ID Card
- U.S. Military Service Record (e.g., DD214)
- W-2\*

Group C documents must contain your name and full Social Security number. If using an Illinois driver's license or ID record, your Social Security number must have been previously verified with the SSA.

An applicant applying for a Visa/Non-Visa Driver's License is not required to present documents from Group C. Instead, the applicant must sign a declaration on the Visa/Non-Visa application that the applicant is, at the time of application, ineligible to obtain a Social Security number.

### Group D — Residency

- Official Electronic Statement (dated within 90 days of application)
- Bank Statement (dated within 90 days of application)\*
- Canceled Check (dated within 90 days of application)\*
- Certified Grade/High School/College/University Transcript\*
- Consular Card (current or expired less than 2 years)
- Credit Card Statement (dated within 90 days of application) Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover or Diners Club\*
- Credit Report (issued by Experian, Equifax or TransUnion, dated within 12 months of application)\*
- Deed/Title, Mortgage, 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 of application)\*
- Official mail received from a State, County, City or Village or a Federal Government agency (must include your first and last name and complete current address) may include — Homestead Exemption Receipt; Jury Duty Notice (issued within 90 days of application); Selective Service Card; Social Security Annual Statement; Social Security Disability Insurance Statement; Supplemental Security Income Benefits Statement; Voter Registration Card\*
- Pay Stub or Electronic Deposit Receipt\*
- Pension or Retirement Statement\*
- Phone Book, produced by a phone book publisher\*
- Report Card from Grade/High School or College/University\*
- Tuition invoice/official mail from college or university (dated within 12 months of application)\*
- Utility Bill (electric, water, refuse, telephone land/cell, cable or gas, issued within 90 days of application)\*

Group D documents must contain your full name and residence address. Documents in Groups A, B or C that contain full name and residence address may also be used for Group D. Two residency documents are required for REAL ID.

**After review of all identification presented, Secretary of State management has the right to accept or refuse any document.**

**Both lists — acceptable and unacceptable — are subject to change.**

**\*Documents marked with (\*) are accepted for REAL ID.**

**Only Consular Cards from Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala and Mexico are accepted as those countries issue cards in compliance with the Consular Identification Document Act.**

## Unacceptable Documents

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| • Business Card   | • Fishing License                           | • Illinois FOID Card           | • Traffic Ticket                   |
| • Club/Fraternal Membership Card                          | • HFS Card (Healthcare and Family Services) | • Instruction Permit/Receipt   | • Unlicensed Financial Institution |
| • College or University ID Card                           | • Handwritten ID/Employment Card            | • Insurance Card               | • Loan Papers                      |
| • Commercially produced (non-State or unofficial) ID Card | • Hunting License                           | • International Driving Permit | • Vehicle Registration             |
| • DHS Card or documents (Department of Human Services)    | • Illinois Concealed Carry Card             | • Library Card                 |                                    |
|   |   | • Personal Mail                |                                    |