

Effective **May 7, 2025**, you will need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license (DL) or identification card (ID) to board domestic flights, 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:

- Certified copy of a birth certificate filed with a state office of vital statistics or equivalent agency in your 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, Form I-688B or Form I-797A (notice of action status change)
- 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
- 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 (under federal rule, this document alone is insufficient to prove lawful status)

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:

- Social Security card
- W-2 with full SSN
- Most recent pay stub or printed electronic deposit receipt showing your name and full SSN
- SSA-1099 Form
- Non-SSA-1099 Form

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.

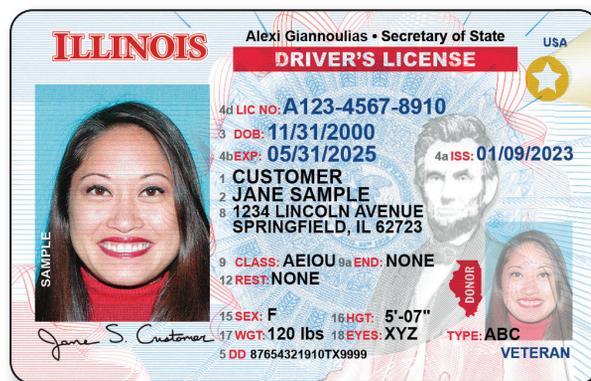
- Bank statement (dated within 90 days of application)
- Canceled check (dated within 90 days of application)
- Certified grade/high school or college/university transcript
- Credit card statement (dated within 90 days of application) Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover or Diners Club
- Credit report issued by Experian, Equifax or TransUnion (dated within 12 months of application)
- Illinois deed/title, mortgage or rental/lease agreement
- Insurance policy (homeowner's or renter's)
- Letter on official school letterhead (dated within 90 days of application)
- Medical claim or statement of benefits from private insurance company or public (government) agency (dated within 90 days of application)
- Pay stub or printed electronic deposit receipt
- 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:
 - Homestead Exemption receipt
 - Jury duty notice (issued within 90 days of application)
 - Selective Service card
 - Social Security annual statement
 - Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) statement
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits statement
- Pension or retirement statement
- Phone book (produced by a phone book publisher)
- Report card from grade/high school or college/university
- Tuition invoice or other official mail from a college/university (dated within 12 months of application)
- Utility bill – electric, water, refuse, phone (land or cell), cable or gas (issued within 90 days of application)
- Voter registration card

GROUP 4: Written Signature Requires one of the following documents:

- Illinois DL/ID (current or expired less than 1 year)
- Temporary DL/ID or Commercial Learner's Permit
- Out-of-state DL/ID (current)
- Canceled check (dated within 90 days of application)
- Consular Card
- Cooperative Driver Testing Program Certificate
- Court order
- Credit card/debit card – Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover or Diners Club
- DL/ID (current) issued by an agency of the U.S. government (e.g., Department of State)
- Passport (U.S. or foreign)
- 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

- 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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