What Real ID is and when/why it was enacted.

Passed by Congress in 2005 the REAL ID Act established minimum security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards and prohibits Federal agencies from accepting, for official purposes, licenses and identification cards from states that do not meet these standards.

Is the newly formatted PA ID card the same as the REAL ID card?

No.

When can I get my REAL ID in PA?

PennDOT has developed a deployment plan that will make REAL ID-compliant driver's licenses and identification cards available to Pennsylvania residents by Spring 2019. For more information go to: https://www.dmv.pa.gov/Pages/REAL-ID-Frequently-Asked-Questions.aspx

Why do I need a REAL ID?

	Standard ID or Driver's License	REAL ID ID or Driver's License
Driving (DL only)	✓	✓
General Identification Purposes	✓	✓
Voting or registering to vote	✓	✓
Applying for Federal benefits	✓	✓
Entering a Federal Facility (that requires ID) or Military Base	✕	✓
Boarding a Domestic (U.S.) Flight after October 1, 2020	✕	✓

What if I don't need a REAL ID because I don't drive, are there other forms of ID acceptable for travel?

Yes! Adult passengers 18 and over must show valid identification at the airport checkpoint in order to travel. See a full list at https://www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/identification

What information do I need to get my REAL ID in spring 2019?

Proof of Identity (Original or certified copy of a Birth Certificate or a Valid U.S. Passport)

Proof of Social Security Number (cannot be laminated or sealed in plastic) *Please note that the name on your social security card MUST match the name on your current license or ID card

Proof of Legal Name Changes (Marriage certificate or court order issued by your county's family court) *Please note: If you have a valid U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport Card with your legal name, you may use that as your name change document.

Two Proofs of Current, Physical PA Address (Current, unexpired PA license or ID and a no more than 90-day-old bank statement or utility bill with the same name and address)