



REAL ID UPDATE

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What is REAL ID?

The REAL ID Act is a federal law that affects how states issue driver's licenses and ID cards if they are going to be acceptable for federal purposes, such as boarding a domestic commercial flight, or entering a military installation or federal facility that requires ID. REAL ID is optional for Pennsylvania residents, so you can choose to keep your driver's license or identification card without changing anything.

However, if you do not get a REAL ID, you must have an alternate form of federally acceptable identification (valid passport, military ID, etc.) to do the things listed above after October 1, 2020.

To get REAL ID, you can bring your REAL ID documentation to any PennDOT Driver License Center for verification NOW. In March 2019 you will then be able to order your REAL ID online – no need to go back to the license center. PennDOT will use your most recent photo on file and your REAL ID will arrive in the mail in up to 15 business days.

There will be three ways to obtain your REAL ID:

- Through the mail.
- Online; and
- In person after March 1, 2019.

Online and mail will only be available to those who pre-verified successfully. Those who were provided their initial product from PennDOT after 2003 are required to pre-verify online or in person.

Customers can visit now to have their documents verified and imaged at a REAL ID center.

To **REAL ID**
get a REAL ID
in Pennsylvania

Pre-verify today!

**REAL IDs will be
available in
March 2019**



You Do
NOT
Need a

REAL ID

**To: Drive, Vote, Access Hospitals,
Visit the Post Office, Access
Federal Courts, Apply for or
Receive Federal Benefits.**



	Standard ID or DL	REAL ID ID or DL
Driving (DL only)	✓	✓
General Identification Purposes	✓	✓
Boarding a Domestic (U.S.) Flight after October 1, 2020	✗	✓
Entering a Federal Facility (that requires ID) or Military Base	✗	✓

To
get a

REAL ID

in Pennsylvania

You Will Need:

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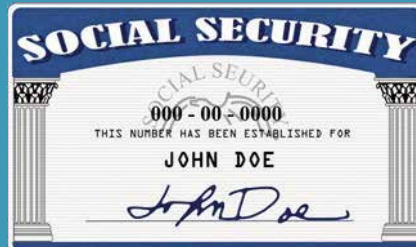
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Proof of
Identity:

- Certificate of Birth
- Valid Passport



+ Your Social Security Card



+ Choose

2

Acceptable
Proofs of
PA Residency:

- Current PA Driver's License/ID Card
- Current PA Vehicle Registration
- Proof of Insurance
- Bank Statement (*no more than 90 days old*)
- W-2 Form or Pay Stub
- Tax Records
- Lease Agreement or Mortgage Documents

**AND Proof of all Legal Name Changes
(if applicable)**

- Certified Marriage Certificate
- Court Order



Preparing to get a REAL ID

Federal regulations require that PennDOT must verify the following documents for a customer before issuing a REAL ID:

- **Birth Certificates:** Make sure it has a raised seal. If you need help obtaining a Pennsylvania Birth Certificate, please contact my office. We can help you in ordering one.
- **Social Security Cards:** For information about your Social Security card and how to obtain a replacement, visit www.ssa.gov/ssnumber/. You can also visit the Social Security office at 1700 Markley St., Logan Square Shopping Center, Norristown, PA 19401.
- **Documents to prove legal name changes** include a certified marriage certificate. This document is available from the county clerk of courts or orphan court. Also, a court order issued by the respective county's family courts is acceptable. Contact those county courts directly for those documents.

REAL ID Cost & Expiration

PennDOT has determined the one-time fee for people who wish to make their license or photo identification REAL ID-compliant will be \$30.

This is to cover the costs of staff and equipment PennDOT will incur for REAL ID compliance.

Standard renewal fees (currently \$30.50) for licenses and identification will apply for non-CDL licenses. CDL licenses have other applicable fees. If you renewed your license recently, you will receive a new full renewal for an additional four years if you opt into REAL ID. Customers will not "lose" time if they renew their license or ID before obtaining a REAL ID product.

Do you think you will need a **REAL ID?**

The best thing you can do to prepare is to gather necessary identity and residency documents now and keep them in a safe place.

DOCUMENT CHECK



PennDOT.gov/REALID

Want to Learn More?

To get the most up-to-date, accurate information about REAL ID in Pennsylvania, visit PennDOT.gov/REALID. Visit my website at www.pahouse.com/Bradford to sign up for news from my office on REAL ID and other matters of interest.



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