

IMPORTANT NOTICE

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE UPDATE REGARDING THE USE OF “FEDERAL LIMITS APPLY” DRIVER LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS TO PERFORM ELIGIBILITY CHECKS

“*Eligibility checks*” refers to applications or reports for which an applicant is required to submit a driver license or identification card, or the number from a driver license or identification card, so that the Department of Justice may determine the applicant’s eligibility to possess a firearm or ammunition under state or federal law.

Eligibility checks are required upon submission of the following DES transactions:

- Applications to purchase a firearm
- Applications to purchase ammunition

For all eligibility checks, a copy of the applicant’s driver license or identification card shall be submitted.

If the applicant presents a California driver license or identification card with the notation “FEDERAL LIMITS APPLY” on the front, the applicant shall also submit a copy of a document that proves their lawful presence in the United States, in the form of one of the following documents:

- Valid, unexpired U.S. passport or passport card
- Certified copy of U.S. birth certificate
- Certification of Birth Abroad (FS-545), Certification of Report of Birth (DS-1350) or Consular Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America (FS-240), issued by the U.S. Department of State
- Valid, unexpired foreign passport with valid U.S. immigrant visa and approved Record of Arrival/Departure (I-94) form
- Certified copy of birth certificate from a U.S. Territory
- Certificate of Naturalization or U.S. Citizenship
- Valid, unexpired Permanent Resident Card

For all eligibility checks, if the applicant’s California driver license or identification card has the notation “FEDERAL LIMITS APPLY” on the front and the applicant’s name as it appears on the driver license or identification card differs from the name on the document supplied, the applicant shall also submit a copy of one of the following certified documents:

- An adoption document that contains the legal name of the applicant as a result of the adoption.
- A name change document that contains the applicant’s legal name both before and, as a result of, the name change.
- A marriage certificate.
- A dissolution of marriage document that contains the legal name of the applicant as a result of the court action.

- A certificate, declaration or registration document verifying the formation of a domestic partnership.
- A dissolution of domestic partnership document that contains the legal name of the applicant as a result of the court action.

The dealer shall keep copies of the documents required as part of the permanent record of the transaction.

These requirements also pertain to an application or report submitted to the Department of Justice in a paper format. Copies of the documents required shall be submitted along with the paper application. These applications and reports include:

- New Resident Report of Firearms Ownership (*BOF 4010A*)
- Firearms Ownership Report (*BOF 4542A*)
- Curio or Relic Firearm Report (*BOF 4100A*)
- Collector In-State Acquisition of Curio and Relic Long Gun Report, (*BOF 961*)
- Report of Operation of Law or Intra-Familial Firearm Transaction (*BOF 4544A*)
- Dangerous Weapons License/Permit(s) Application (*BOF 030*) or (*BOF 031*)

These requirements also pertain to an application or report submitted to the Department of Justice electronically via CFARS. Copies of the documents required shall be uploaded to CFARS as prompted during the application or reporting process. These applications and reports include:

- Certificate of Eligibility Application
- Unique Serial Number Application
- New Resident Report of Firearms Ownership
- Firearms Ownership Report
- Curio and Relic Firearm Report
- Collector In-State Acquisition of Curio and Relic Long Gun Report
- Report of Operation of Law or Intra-Familial Firearm Transaction

Please see the examples of California “REAL ID” and “Federal Limits Apply” Driver Licenses on the following page.

For additional information, please refer to the California Code of Regulations, Title 11, Division 5, Chapter 4 § 4045. Definitions and Requirements.

Should you have any questions please contact the Bureau of Firearms, Customer Support Center at (855) 365-3767 or via e-mail at bofdes@doj.ca.gov.



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