



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 May 7, 2025.

To get a REAL ID:

If you got your first driver's license or photo ID AFTER 2003, you may be able to apply online because PennDOT may have your documentation already on file. If not, you must visit a Driver License Center with your original or certified copies of your documentation to get them verified. You also may apply online if you already have been pre-verified.

Online:

Visit www.dmv.pa.gov to request confirmation that your documents are on file by applying for pre-verification. If you are notified by PennDOT that you are "verified," you can opt into the REAL ID program online and pay the one-time fee, plus the renewal fee and your REAL ID will be mailed to you within 15 days.

In person:

If your documentation is not on file with PennDOT, you may get your documents verified by visiting any Driver License Center with your original or certified copies of the required documents. Once they are "verified," you can order your REAL ID there in person or go online later. You should receive your REAL ID in the mail within 15 days.

You also may take your required documentation to one of the state's 13 REAL ID centers. If your documentation is "verified," you may order it, pay the fees and receive your REAL ID immediately. To learn those locations, visit www.dmv.pa.gov/realid.



REAL IDs are now available

May 7, 2025
is the deadline
to get a REAL ID.

IN PERSON

If you got your
first license
BEFORE
September
2003

ONLINE

If you got your
first license
AFTER
September
2003



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 or DL

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| Driving (DL only) | ✓ | ✓ |
| General Identification Purposes | ✓ | ✓ |
| Boarding a Domestic (U.S.) Flight after May 7, 2025 | ✗ | ✓ |
| Entering a Federal Facility (that requires ID) or Military Base | ✗ | ✓ |

To
get a

REAL ID

in Pennsylvania

You Will Need:

Choose

1

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 your nearest Social Security office.
- 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.

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

Pennsylvanians will need a REAL ID to:



Board a domestic flight



Enter a federal building



Enter a military base

REAL ID Cost & Expiration

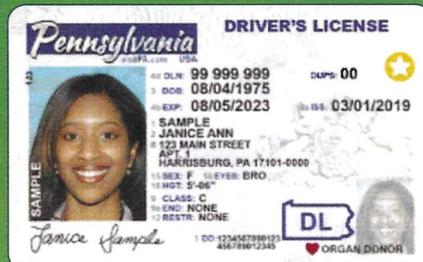
PennDOT has determined the one-time fee for people who wish to make their license or photo identification REAL ID-compliant is \$30.

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.

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.RepNeilson.com to sign up for news from my office on REAL ID and other matters of interest.

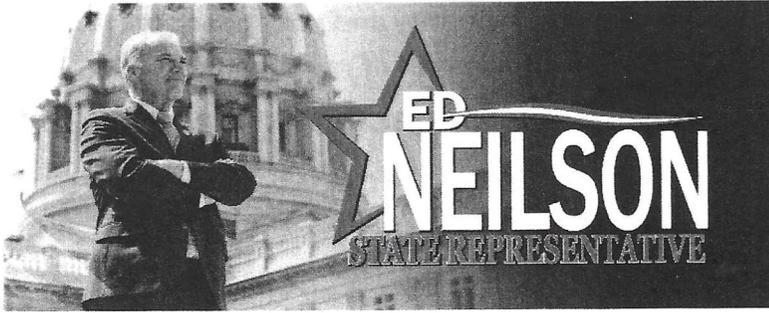


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REAL ID DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

- IDENTITY DOCUMENT
 - Birth Certificate (long or short) _____
 - Valid Passport or card _____

- PROOF OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (Full number)
 - Social Security Card _____
 - W-2 _____
 - SSA-1099 Form _____
 - Non SSA -1099 _____
 - Pay Stub _____

- 2 PROOFS OF RESIDENCY
 - Current, unexpired PA DL/ID _____
 - PA vehicle Registration _____
 - Auto Insurance Card _____
 - Utility Bill showing name, address _____
 - W-2/Pay stub _____
 - Lease Agreement/Mtg documents _____

- NAME CHANGE PROOF

If current legal name, date of birth, or gender designation is different from info on your BC or legal status docs you must show legal proof of change.



If you are using a passport as your proof of identity and your passport reflects your current name, you do NOT need to show proof of name change.

- Certified marriage certificate for each marriage to track name change, issued by the county court.
- Court order approving name change
- Original or Certified copy of amended BC

Divorce decree is only needed if individuals legally return to formal legal name.