



What you need to know about the Illinois REAL ID Program

Beginning Oct. 1, 2020, the federal government will require your driver's license or ID card (DL/ID) to be REAL ID compliant for use as identification to board a domestic flight or to enter a military base or a secure federal facility. Not every person needs a REAL ID card, which is why we offer you a choice. You decide if you need a REAL ID or standard DL/ID.

The application process for a REAL ID-compliant DL/ID requires enhanced security measures that meet mandated federal guidelines, even if you already have a standard DL/ID. As a result, you must provide documentation confirming your identity, Social Security number, residency and signature.

Please note that there is no immediate need to apply for a REAL ID-compliant DL/ID. Current Illinois DL/IDs will be accepted to board domestic flights and to enter military bases or secure federal facilities until Oct. 1, 2020.

I appreciate your help in making Illinois a REAL ID-compliant state.

Sincerely,

Jesse White

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Secretary of State

Action	Standard DL/ID	REAL ID DL/ID
Driving (DL only)	YES	YES
Using for general identification purposes	YES	YES
Boarding a domestic flight (U.S.) after Oct. 1, 2020	NO	YES
Entering a military base or secure federal facility after Oct. 1, 2020	NO	YES

For additional information:

833-503-4074

or visit:

REALID.ilsos.gov.

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Know your options before choosing your next driver's license or state ID card.



You have time...

REAL ID

does not go into effect until
October 1, 2020.

Your current Illinois driver's license or ID card (DL/ID) will be accepted at airports, military bases and secure federal facilities until Oct. 1, 2020. Beginning spring 2019, we are providing you with the choice either to obtain a REAL ID card or to keep a standard card. Take time to know your options.

You **NEED** a REAL ID if:

- You do **not** have a valid U.S. passport or passport card; AND
- You use airplanes as a mode of domestic transportation; or
- You visit military bases; or
- You visit secure federal facilities.

You **DO NOT NEED** a REAL ID if:

- You have a valid U.S. passport or passport card; or
- You do **not** use airplanes as a mode of domestic transportation; or
- You do **not** visit military bases; or
- You do **not** visit secure federal facilities.

Know your options.

Make the choice that is right for you.



Application Process for Standard Driver's License or ID

If your DL/ID is currently valid and not expiring soon, you do not need to do anything.

STEP 1: If your DL/ID is expiring soon, visit a Secretary of State Driver Services facility and take your photo and the required exams.

STEP 2: Receive a temporary, secure paper DL/ID at the facility.

STEP 3: After review and verification of documents have been conducted, your new permanent standard DL/ID will be mailed to you within 15 business days.

Fees for a Real ID and a standard DL/ID are the same.



Application Process for REAL ID Driver's License or ID

STEP 1: Visit a Secretary of State Driver Services facility and take your photo and the required exams.

STEP 2: All applicants must provide proof of identity. (Examples are: a U.S. birth certificate, a U.S. passport, an employment authorization document, a permanent resident card or a foreign passport with an approved I-94 form.) **Please note that name change documents, such as a marriage certificate, will be required if the applicant presents a birth certificate with a name different from his/her current name.*

STEP 3: All applicants must provide proof of full Social Security number (SSN). (Examples are: an SSN card, a W-2 or a pay stub with full SSN.)

STEP 4: All applicants must provide two current residency documents with the applicant's name. (Examples are: a utility bill, rental agreement, deed/title or bank statement.)

STEP 5: All applicants must provide proof of signature. (Examples are: a credit/debit card, canceled check or current Illinois DL/ID.)

STEP 6: Receive a temporary, secure paper DL/ID at the facility. **Please note that the TSA and federal agents will not accept the paper document.*

STEP 7: After review and verification of documents have been conducted, your new permanent REAL ID card will be mailed to you within 15 business days.

***For a complete list of acceptable documents for steps 2-5, please visit: REALID.ilsos.gov**