



## Are You REAL ID READY?

### Federal enforcement of REAL ID begins on May 7, 2025.

Starting May 7, 2025, Minnesotans 18 years or older will need **one** of the following to board a domestic flight or enter certain federal facilities:

- A REAL ID driver’s license or identification (ID) card, or
  - Enhanced driver’s license or ID card, or
  - Other REAL ID-compliant document like a valid US passport, valid foreign government issued passport, unexpired permanent resident card, or unexpired employment authorization document.
- Visit [tsa.gov/real-id](https://tsa.gov/real-id) for complete list.



### To obtain a REAL ID driver’s license or identification card you will need:

ONE document proving identity, date of birth and legal U.S. presence

BIRTH CERTIFICATE  
CERTIFIED

PASSPORT

PERMANENT RESIDENT CARD

CERTIFICATE OF CITIZENSHIP

KNOW your Social Security number

TWO documents proving current Minnesota residency

MINNESOTA DRIVER'S LICENSE

INCOME TAX RETURN  
IRS

UTILITY BILL

CREDIT CARD STATEMENT

### Name Changes

The name on the document you present must match the name on your application.

If the names don't match, you'll need to bring proof of each name change from your birth to present day.

Examples of acceptable proof-of-name change include certified copies of:

- Marriage certificate.
- Divorce decree or dissolution of marriage that shows name change.
- Adoption decree.
- Court-ordered name change.

### Types of Documents

The documents you present must be original. DVS cannot accept:

- Photocopies
- Scanned images
- Faxed images
- Digital images on a cell phone or other electronic device
- Laminated documents



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## Pre-apply and pre-verify • Visit [drive.mn.gov](https://drive.mn.gov) • It's mobile friendly

Save time by pre-applying and pre-verifying your REAL ID documents online at [drive.mn.gov](https://drive.mn.gov).

- Upload documents using the mobile-friendly application.
- DVS staff will verify that the documents you upload are sufficient to issue a REAL ID.
- Bring the original verified documents to a driver's license office to complete your transaction.
- Receive your REAL ID in 7-10 business days after your office visit.



**Common acceptable documents. You can find a complete list at [REALID.dps.mn.gov](https://REALID.dps.mn.gov).**

**All documents are subject to verification.**

PROOF OF IDENTITY AND DATE OF BIRTH – ONE DOCUMENT NEEDED	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• REAL ID driver's license, instruction permit, or ID card that is not designated as temporary or limited term and is current or expired five years or less.</li> <li>• Certified U.S. birth certificate.</li> <li>• Unexpired U.S. passport (or passport card).</li> <li>• Consular report of birth abroad issued by the U.S. Department of State.</li> <li>• Certificate of Naturalization (Form N-550 or N-570).</li> <li>• Certificate of Citizenship (Form N-560 or N-561).</li> <li>• Unexpired permanent resident card (Form I-551).*</li> <li>• Unexpired employment authorization document (Form I-766 or Form I-688B).*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unexpired foreign passport or Unrecognized Passport or Waiver Cases (DS-232) with unexpired temporary I-551 stamp on machine-readable immigrant visa (MRIV).</li> <li>• Unexpired temporary I-551 stamp on Form I-94/I-94A with photograph.</li> <li>• Valid, unexpired foreign passport with a valid, unexpired U.S. visa (affixed), accompanied by a Form I-94 documenting the applicant's most recent admittance.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ If the Form I-94 is endorsed "DS" then a Form F1, Form I-20, Form DS-2019, or Form I-551 is also needed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER – KNOW YOUR FULL SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	
<p>Note: Additional documentation demonstrating non work authorized status may be needed to verify non-eligibility for a Social Security number.</p>	
PROOF OF MINNESOTA RESIDENCE - TWO DOCUMENTS NEEDED – NAME AND ADDRESS MUST MATCH APPLICATION – NO PO BOXES	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valid, unexpired Minnesota driver's license, instruction permit, or ID card.</li> <li>• Current policy or card for health, automobile, homeowner's, or renter's insurance.</li> <li>• Federal or state income tax return - most recent tax filing year</li> <li>• Minnesota property tax statement (current or prior calendar year) OR proposed property tax statement (current year)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Must list same address in both property description and mailing address.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Minnesota vehicle certificate of title</li> <li>• Filed property deed or title for current residence.</li> <li>• Mortgage documents for the applicant's principal residence</li> <li>• Unexpired Minnesota professional license (e.g., nursing or cosmetology).</li> <li>• Selective Service card</li> <li>• Military orders that are still in effect at the time of application.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Must include DD-2058</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Valid license issued pursuant to the game and fish laws.</li> </ul> <p><u>The following can be no more than 90 days old:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Affidavit of residence for those in a group home, communal living arrangement, cooperative, or religious order.</li> <li>• Assisted living or nursing home statement.</li> </ul> <p><u>The following can be no more than 180 days old:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certified transcript from a US high school</li> <li>• Certified transcript from a Minnesota college or university.</li> <li>• Certified student summary report from a US high school.</li> </ul>	<p><u>The following can be no more than 12 months old:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home utility bill or hook-up work order.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Utilities include: internet, cable, phone, cell phone, electric, gas, garbage, water, delivered fuel.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• U.S. bank or financial information with account numbers redacted (only one)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Bank account statement</li> <li>◦ Credit or debit card statement</li> <li>◦ Brokerage account statement</li> <li>◦ Money market account statement</li> <li>◦ Health savings account statement</li> <li>◦ Retirement account statement</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Residential lease agreement for the applicant's principal residence.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Must show address and signatures.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Employment pay stub that lists the employer's name and address.</li> <li>• Minnesota unemployment insurance benefit statement</li> <li>• Statement from a housing with services building registered under chapter 144D, nursing home licensed under chapter 144A, or a boarding care facility licensed under section 144.50 to 144.56.</li> <li>• Supplemental security income award statement.</li> </ul>

\*Document I-797 needed for proof of extension: if the validity period has been automatically extended by the United States Department of Homeland Security, it is deemed unexpired, regardless of the expiration date listed.