



# REAL ID in Pennsylvania

PennDOT Driver and Vehicle Services

# ▶ 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.



## ➤ What is REAL ID?

**Beginning October 1, 2020**, Pennsylvanians will need a REAL ID-compliant license, identification card or another form of federally-acceptable identification (such as a valid passport or military ID) to:

- Board domestic commercial flights
- Enter a military base
- Enter a federal facility that requires ID at the door

## ➤ When will REAL ID be available in PA?

REAL IDs will be available to customers who want them in **spring 2019.**

## Do you HAVE to get a REAL ID?

**No. REAL ID is optional for Pennsylvania residents.**

Buuuuuuut...

If you do not get a REAL ID, you must have an alternate form of federally-acceptable identification (valid passport, military ID, etc.) to board domestic commercial flights and enter certain federal facilities **after October 1, 2020.**

# Do you HAVE to get a REAL ID?

	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 after October 1, 2020	✗	✓

## Do you HAVE to get a REAL ID?

- To help customers decide if a REAL ID is right for them, they can visit [www.PennDOT.gov/REALID](http://www.PennDOT.gov/REALID) and click on the “Do you need a REAL ID?” icon to complete our interactive online “wizard.”



## ➤ 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



## ➤ How much will a REAL ID cost?

Customers will pay a **one-time fee of \$30** at the time of REAL ID issuance, plus a renewal fee

- Current renewal fee is \$30.50 for a four-year non-CDL driver's license or a photo ID

## ▶ When will a REAL ID expire?

The expiration date of the initial REAL ID license or ID card will include any time remaining on your current license or ID card, **plus an additional four years.**

- Example: if your license is set to expire in October 2020, but you upgrade to a REAL ID in October 2019, **your new REAL ID-compliant license or ID card won't expire until October 2024.**

## ➤ When will a REAL ID expire?

**This means that customers won't "lose" time that they've already paid for.**

After a customer's first REAL ID license or photo ID expires, **there are no additional fees to renew a REAL ID vs. a standard-issue ID.**

## ➤ How do customers prepare for REAL ID?

**The best thing customers can do to prepare for REAL ID is to get their documents together.**

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

# ➤ What documents do customers need?

## PROOF OF IDENTITY:

- Examples:
  - Original or certified copy of a birth certificate with a raised seal, issued by an authorized government agency,
  - Valid U.S. Passport

## PROOF OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:

- Social security card

# ➤ What documents do customers need?

## TWO PROOFS OF CURRENT, PHYSICAL PA ADDRESS:

- Examples:
  - Current, unexpired PA license or ID
  - A no more than 90-day-old bank statement
  - Utility bill with the same name and address

## PROOF OF ALL LEGAL NAME CHANGES:

- Examples:
  - Marriage certificate, court order or divorce decree issued by your county's family court

## ➤ What documents do customers need?

For lawfully present non-U.S. citizens, acceptable documents include:

- I-551 Permanent Resident Card (Green Card)
- Passport with I-551 stamp
- Machine-readable Immigrant Visa
- Re-entry Permit I-327

## ▶ What documents do customers need?

For additional information on REAL ID documentation requirements and to download our printable document checklist, visit

**[www.PennDOT.gov/REALID](http://www.PennDOT.gov/REALID)** and click  
“Document Check.”





## ➤ How can customers get a REAL ID?

- **Beginning in September 2018**, you may bring your REAL ID documentation to any PennDOT Driver License Center for verification. Once REAL ID's are available **in spring 2019**, you will be able to order your REAL ID online.
  - No need to go back to the driver license center!
- Once you order your REAL ID online, PennDOT will use your most recent photo on file and your new REAL ID will arrive in the mail within 7-10 business days.

## ➤ How can customers get a REAL ID?

- **After REAL IDs are available**, customers will have three options for obtaining a REAL ID:
  - **Apply online** (pre-verified customers only)
  - **Visit any PennDOT Driver License Center** to have your documents verified and imaged, receive your REAL ID in the mail within 7-10 business days
  - **Visit one of up to 13 REAL ID Centers** statewide to have your documents verified and imaged, receive your REAL ID at the time of service

## ➤ Online Pre-Verification

- If a customer received their **FIRST** Pennsylvania driver's license, learner's permit or photo ID card **AFTER** September 1, 2003, PennDOT may already have your REAL ID documentation on file.
- OLMs are able to complete pre-verification requests for customers

# Communications Surrounding REAL ID

- We have developed an extensive communications plan surrounding REAL ID
- Paid media began in April
  - Phase 1 runs April – June
    - Includes radio (both terrestrial and Pandora), TV, newspaper, digital and social media
- Created REAL ID brochure (PUB 813) which is available for all stakeholders

# ▶ REAL ID Resources

- Most up-to-date information is at [www.PennDOT.gov/REALID](http://www.PennDOT.gov/REALID)
  - FAQs
  - Document Check
  - REAL ID Wizard
  - REAL ID Online Pre-Verification
- DHS website, [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov)
  - Search for “REAL ID”
    - Info on regulations, state compliance, and more

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