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
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.

Buuuuuuuuuut...

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