



What is REAL ID?

Beginning on October 1, 2020, the federal REAL ID Act places new rules on which forms of identification may be used to board flights within the United States and enter secure federal facilities, such as military bases, federal courthouses, and other federal facilities. A California-issued REAL ID driver license or identification card meets these new requirements and is marked with a gold bear and star.

REAL ID for Lawfully Present Non-U.S. Citizens

If you are a lawfully present non-U.S. citizen, you are eligible to apply for a REAL ID driver license or identification card.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients may qualify to receive a REAL ID driver license or identification card if they hold an employment authorization document (EAD) card or a valid/expired EAD card with Notice of Action (Form I-797C). The expiration date of your REAL ID driver license or identification card will depend on your immigration status.

Privacy

REAL ID is a national set of standards, not a national identification card. REAL ID does not create a federal database of driver license information. The California DMV does not separately track DACA recipients.

Acceptable Documents for Lawfully Present Non-U.S. Citizens:

Proof of Identity:

- Unexpired foreign passport with valid U.S. Visa and approved Form I-94
- Valid, unexpired Permanent Resident Card
- Valid, unexpired EAD Card (Form I-766) or a valid/expired EAD Card with Notice of Action (Form I-797C)
- Valid/expired Permanent Resident Card with Notice of Action (I-797 C) or Approval Notice (I-797)
- Unexpired foreign passport stamped "Processed for I-551"
- Documents reflecting TPS benefit eligibility

Note: If the name on your identity document is different than your current name, you must bring a document with the new name. Check here for a full list of acceptable documents supporting a name change or visit www.realid.dmv.ca.gov.

Proof of Social Security Number:

The name of your Social Security number must be similar to your identity document or name change document. If you are ineligible for a Social Security number, you may still apply for a REAL ID Compliant driver license or ID card.

- Social Security Card
- W-2 Form
- SSA-1099 Form
- Non-SSA-1099 Form
- Paystub with the full Social Security Number

Proof of California Residency

You will need to provide **TWO** paper documents to prove your California residency (copies and computer generated documents are accepted).

Examples of acceptable residency documents include:

- CA certificate of vehicle registration
- Insurance documents, including medical, life, home, rental, or vehicle
- Utility bill
- Tax returns
- Lease/rental agreements or mortgage documents

Check here for a full list of acceptable proof of residency documents or visit www.realid.dmv.ca.gov.



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