We offer two types of driver's licenses and identification cards: REAL IDs and Standard Cards

Select the type of credential you would like (REAL ID or Standard) and review the checklist on the back for acceptable documents for each when getting or renewing your driver's license, learner's permit, or ID card.

REAL ID Massachusetts Driver's License/ID Card

Indicator on card is a star to designate that it is a federally compliant card



- **★ CANNOT** be processed online must visit an RMV Service Center or AAA members can visit a AAA branch if not a first-time applicant
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or lawful presence required
- ✓ Is a valid driver's license or identification card
- Is valid for up to 5 years or length of stay in the U.S.
- CAN be used to board a plane in the U.S. or enter federal buildings after October 2020
- Is an acceptable form of identification for federal purposes

Standard Massachusetts Driver's License/ID Card

Indicator on card is 'NOT FOR FEDERAL ID' to designate that it is NOT a federally compliant card



- ✓ CAN potentially be processed online
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or lawful presence required
- ✓ Is a valid driver's license or identification card
- ✓ Is valid for up to 5 years or length of stay in the U.S.
- **CANNOT** be used to board a plane in the U.S. or enter federal buildings after October 2020
- Is an unacceptable form of identification for federal purposes

A REAL ID license/ID card costs the same as a Standard license/ID card.







Document Checklist

You need documents and/or proof of your Social Security number, U.S. citizenship or lawful presence, and Massachusetts residency, as required by federal and state law.

All documents MUST be originals. We cannot accept any laminated documents.

A single document cannot be used to satisfy multiple requirements.

Review the checklist below for some of the most common types of acceptable documents.

This is a sample list; please visit mass.gov/ID for a complete list of all acceptable documents.

GET READY ONLINE FOR YOUR LICENSE/ID

- Start application online at mass.gov/ID.
- For renewals, applicants must choose:
 - Standard license or ID card: may be able to complete online.
 - REALID license or ID card: start online and then must visit a RMV Service Center or a AAA office (if member).

STEP 1:

Locate your Social Security Number (Choose 1 document for REAL ID. For a Standard ID, SSN must be verified electronically.)

- SSN Card
- cannot be laminated
- W-2 Form
- SSA-1099 Form
- Non-SSA-1099 Form
- Pay stub with applicant's name and SSN Applicant without an SSN must present an SSA denial notice, foreign passport, Visa, and I-94.

Document presented must display full nine digits of SSN.

If your current name doesn't match the one that appears on your lawful presence document(s), you must prove the legal name change with an acceptable document in order to qualify for a REAL ID credential. A marriage certificate, divorce decree, or court document all qualify.

STEP 2:

Choose one lawful presence/ date of birth document

- Valid, unexpired U.S. Passport/Passport card.
- Original or certified copy of U.S. birth certificate Hospital-issued birth certificates are not accepted
- Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551)
- Certificate of Citizenship (Form N-560 or N-561)
- Certificate of Naturalization (Form N-550 or N-570)
- Consular Report of Birth Abroad (Form FS-240, DS-1350, FS-545)

Foreign documents - all must show a valid 12-month stay

- Immigration documents must be validated through the federal SAVE program. To renew credentials with immigration documents, customers should begin their application at least 30 days prior to expiration to ensure timely renewal.
- Foreign Passport with U.S. Visa affixed and I-94 Stamp
- Employment Authorization Card (Form I-766 or I-688B)
- Re-Entry Permit (I-327)
- Refugee Travel Document (I-571)

STEP 3:

Choose a MA residency document (2 for REAL ID, 1 for MA Standard ID)

- One MA RMV-issued document such as a renewal letter, current MA driver's license, permit/ID (NOTE: Liquor ID is not acceptable)
- Government-issued document such as 1st class mail, Medicaid statement, firearms card, jury duty summons, court correspondence, property tax, or excise tax dated within 60 days
- Bills such as a utility bill, credit card statement, or medical statement dated within 60 days
- Current lease, mortgage, or rental contract
- Financial-related documents such as pension statement, retirement statement, pay stub, SSA statement, or installment loan contract dated within 60 days
- School-issued documents such as school transcript, proof of enrollment, tuition bill, school record for the current year Note: Documents mailed 'in care of' are not valid for proof of residency



