

WHAT DOCUMENTS DO I NEED?

Learner's Permit, Driver's License, or Mass ID Card

Save time in line. Check each document you will present with your application.

If you are missing a document, you will **NOT be successful.**

All documents must be originals, photocopies will not be accepted.

Laminated documents will not be accepted.

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PROOF OF LAWFUL PRESENCE AND PROOF OF DATE OF BIRTH

All Documents must be valid and unexpired – Check One

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| ☐ U. S. Passport or Passport Card
☐ Original or Certified version of U.S. Birth Certificate (must be issued from municipality and have a raised seal – hospital certificates are not accepted)
– Puerto Rican Birth Certificate must be issued after July 1, 2010
☐ Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA) issued by the Department of State Form FS-240, DS-1350, FS-545
☐ Permanent Resident Card issued by DHS or INS – Form: I-551
☐ Temporary I-551 stamp in Foreign Passport
☐ Employment Authorization Document (EAD) issued by DHS, Form I-766, or Form I-668B | ☐ Foreign Passport with a valid, U.S. visa affixed
– A non-U.S. Passport must contain a current visa and be presented with an I-94 Record of Arrival and Departure, unless you have a Permanent Resident Card or other change in status
– The I-94 can be either a paper version from U.S. Customs and Border Protection or a printout of an electronic version downloaded from their website at cbp.gov/i94
– For customers who have a Certificate of Eligibility (I-20) or Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor Status (DS-2019) documentation verifying the applicant's most recent admittance into the United States must be shown
☐ Certificate of Citizenship issued by DHS Form N-560 or Form N-561
☐ Certificate of Naturalization Form N-550 or N-570
☐ Re-Entry Permit – Form I-327 (for Standard license/ID only)
☐ Refugee Travel Document – Form I-571 (for Standard license/ID only) |
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- NOTE: All immigration documents must show a valid 12-month stay in the U.S.**



NAME MUST MATCH for REAL ID

If your current name doesn't match the one that appears on your lawful presence document(s), you must prove your legal name change in order to qualify for a REAL ID driver's license/ID card. If multiple name changes, documentation for each name change must be provided. You will need to provide one of the following:

- ☐ Marriage Certificate (must be issued from the municipality)
- ☐ Divorce Decree
- ☐ Court Document

For a Standard driver's license/ID card, a proof of name change document is not required.

PROOF OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

For REAL ID license/ID, one document below must be presented. No hand-written documents will be accepted. For a Standard license/ID, your SSN must validate with SSA or you must provide a SSN Denial Notice with Passport, Visa, and I-94.

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| ☐ SSN Card (cannot be laminated)
☐ W-2 Form that displays 9-digit SSN
☐ SSA-1099 Form that displays 9-digit SSN | ☐ Non-SSA-1099 Form that displays 9-digit SSN
☐ Pay Stub with Name and 9-digit SSN on it
☐ SSN Denial Notice issued by SSA with Passport, Visa, and I-94 (dated within 60 days) |
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Identification Documents Checklist

All documents must be originals, photocopies will not be accepted.



Check One for Standard
Check Two for REAL ID

PROOF OF MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENCY

Document must display residential address with applicant's name — no PO Boxes or 'in care of' can be accepted.

For a REAL ID license or ID— You need to check two

For a Standard license or ID – You need to check one

Massachusetts RMV-issued documents:

(Only one item can be accepted)

- ☐ Current license
- ☐ Current Massachusetts ID card (Liquor ID not accepted)
- ☐ Current learner's permit
- ☐ RMV-issued mail dated within 60 days (including license/registration reminders, vehicle registration)

State/federal/city/town/county agency-issued documents:

- ☐ 1st class, government-issued mail dated within 60 days
- ☐ Current MA-issued professional license
- ☐ Medicaid statement dated within 60 days
- ☐ Current firearms card
- ☐ Jury duty summons dated within 60 days
- ☐ Court correspondence dated within 60 days
- ☐ Property tax for current year
- ☐ Excise tax for current year

Bills: Must be dated within 60 days

- ☐ Utility bill (electric, telephone, water, sewer, cable, satellite, heating)
- ☐ Credit card statement
- ☐ Medical/hospital statement
- ☐ Insurance bill (auto, medical, home, rental)
- ☐ Cell phone bill

Lease/Mortgage:

- ☐ Current lease/mortgage or similar rental contract
- ☐ Mortgage statement dated with 60 days

Financial-related documents:

- ☐ W-2 wage and tax statement from immediate prior year
- ☐ Current pension statement (401k, 457, SEP, etc.)
- ☐ Current retirement statement
- ☐ Pay stub dated within 60 days
- ☐ Current SSA statement
- ☐ Current installment loan contract (car loan)
- ☐ Bank statement (savings or checking account) dated within 60 days

School-issued documents:

- ☐ Official school transcript for current year
- ☐ Official letter from school (proof of enrollment) dated within 60 days
- ☐ Tuition bill for current year
- ☐ Certified school record for current year

Insurance-related documents:

Current year only

- ☐ Auto insurance policy, Renter's insurance policy
- ☐ Homeowner's insurance policy

For applicants under the age of 18

- ☐ Alternative Residency Affidavit

Please present this checklist and the documents selected with your completed application.

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Note: After October 1, 2020, you will need a REAL ID or passport to fly within the U.S. or enter federal buildings.