

The Lake County Veteran Assistance Commission recently put this information out regarding the Real ID requirements.

Effective October 2020, we will all need to have converted our driver's licenses to the new REAL format. The change includes a new gold star in the upper right corner of your license. **Don't wait to get it!** The DMV lines are already so long that it will take you multiple hours to get your new license if you go at the wrong time. The DMV has recognized the problem and they are now taking steps to alleviate it. A couple key considerations:

1. If you are 65 or older, there is frequently a Senior line that jumps you to the front of the crowd.
2. Mid-week very early might be a good time to avoid some of the line.
3. Be sure you have all the documentation you need. Most important and useful are a passport, current driver's license, social security card (or a document like a pay stub that shows the entire social security number which is not very frequent since everyone started blanking out the first 2 sets of numbers some years ago).

The checklist of identification items you need is on the next page. If you have everything in order, you might be able to finish the process in 1-2 hours.



Effective Oct. 1, 2020, a REAL ID-compliant driver's license (DL) or identification card (ID) will be required to board domestic flights or enter military bases or secure federal facilities unless you have a valid U.S. passport. To apply for a REAL ID DL/ID, please bring the appropriate documentation from each category specified below to your local Driver Services facility.



Acceptable Documents of Identification



Documents of identification that are acceptable for the purpose of obtaining a Real ID card are listed by group. **All acceptable documents presented for verification or proof must be valid (current and not expired).** Hard copy documents are required; images from a cellphone are not accepted. An applicant may print the image (e.g., bank statement) and provide the printed copy when presenting documentation. **Photocopies will not be accepted.**

GROUP 1: Proof of Identity, Date of Birth and U.S. Citizenship or Lawful Status

Requires one of the following documents:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Certified copy of a birth certificate filed with a state office of vital statistics or equivalent agency in the individual's state of birth. <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. passport or passport card. <input type="checkbox"/> Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA) issued by the U.S. Department of State, Form FS-240, Form DS-1350 or Form FS-545. <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Citizenship issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Form N-560 or Form N-561. <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Naturalization issued by DHS, Form N-550 or Form N-570. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Employment Authorization Document (EAD) issued by DHS, Form I-766 or Form I-688B. <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign passport with a valid U.S. visa affixed accompanied by the approved Form I-94 documenting the applicant's most recent admittance to the United States. <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551) issued by DHS or the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. <input type="checkbox"/> REAL ID DL/ID card issued in compliance with the standards of Part 37 of Title 6 of the Code of Federal Regulations (pursuant to federal rule, this document alone is not sufficient to prove lawful status). |
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Name change documents, such as a certified marriage certificate, certified divorce decree, etc., will be required if the applicant's current name is different than the name that appears on the birth certificate. If a passport is in the applicant's current name, then name change documents are not needed.

GROUP 2: Full Social Security Number (SSN)

Requires one of the following documents:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security card. <input type="checkbox"/> W-2. <input type="checkbox"/> Pay stub or printed electronic deposit receipt bearing the applicant's name and SSN. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> SSA-1099 Form. <input type="checkbox"/> Non-SSA-1099 Form. |
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GROUP 3: Residency

Requires two of the following documents:

All documents must contain full residence address. A document listed in Group 1 or 2 that contains the full residence address is acceptable as proof of residency.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Bank statement (dated within 90 days prior to application). <input type="checkbox"/> Canceled check (dated within 90 days prior to application). <input type="checkbox"/> Certified grade/high school or college/university transcript. <input type="checkbox"/> Credit card statement (dated within 90 days prior to application) Visa, Mastercard, American Express or Discover. <input type="checkbox"/> Credit report issued by Experian, Equifax or TransUnion (dated within 12 months prior to application). <input type="checkbox"/> Deed/title, mortgage or rental/lease agreement. <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance policy (homeowner's or renter's). <input type="checkbox"/> Letter on official school letterhead (dated within 90 days prior to application). <input type="checkbox"/> Medical claim or statement of benefits from private insurance company or public (government) agency (dated within 90 days prior to application). <input type="checkbox"/> Pay stub or printed electronic deposit receipt. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Official mail received from a state, county, city or village, or a federal government agency that includes first and last name of the applicant and complete current address. This may include, but is not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homestead Exemption receipt. Jury duty notice (issued within 90 days prior to application). Selective Service card. Social Security annual statement. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) statement. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits statement. <input type="checkbox"/> Pension or retirement statement. <input type="checkbox"/> Report card from grade/high school or college/university. <input type="checkbox"/> Tuition invoice or other official mail from a college/university (dated within 12 months prior to application). <input type="checkbox"/> Utility bill — electric, water, refuse, phone (land or cell), cable or gas (issued within 90 days prior to application). <input type="checkbox"/> Voter registration card. |
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