PREPARING FOR REAL ID



On May 7, 2025, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security will implement the last phase of REAL ID enforcement, which will require Americans to present a REAL ID-compliant driver's license or another acceptable form of ID to board a domestic flight or enter federal government facilities. However, more than 100 million Americans still lack a REAL ID and it's time to reimagine how we use identification.

HISTORY OF REAL ID ACT IMPLEMENTATION

REAL ID was implemented in the wake of 9/11 to strengthen identification standards. At the time of enactment, these standards were considered necessary to ensure confidence in identification issuance.

The problem: Identification standards implemented more than 15 years ago are no longer the most secure, efficient, or reliable standards for verifying someone's identity. Advances in technology, consumer behavior, and security have changed identification verification beyond what was available in 2005.

*** 2005**

Congress passed the REAL ID Act to set standards for the issuance of identification, such as driver's licenses.

*** 2011**

DHS extended the deadline for state and territory compliance until 2013.

2020

All states became compliant, but enforcement was delayed until 2021.

*** 2022**

Enforcement was delayed until 2025 due to pandemic-related hurdles and too few Americans with a REAL ID.

*** 2008**

DHS issued REAL ID regulations and a gradual implementation schedule, requiring state compliance or extension by May 2011.

*** 2014**

DHS extended the deadline for state compliance and enforcement until October 2020

*** 2021**

Enforcement was delayed until 2023.

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Beginning May 7, 2025, American adults traveling by air will need a REAL ID compliant driver's license or acceptable for of ID to fly domstically.

MODERNIZING IDENTIFICATION FOR THE FUTURE

REAL ID standards must be updated to anticipate the needs of future decades, recalibrating identification and credentials for a more modern world.

Modernize the REAL ID statute: Amend the REAL ID Act to allow for mobile and web-based REAL ID applications and to permit TSA to accept mobile or digital REAL ID-compliant driver's licenses, which will reduce DMV backlogs and increase checkpoint efficiency.

ENSURE OUTDATED REAL ID STANDARDS DON'T DISRUPT AIR TRAVEL

- Transition TSA checkpoints to automated identity verification: Accelerate the implementation of automated identity verification technology, which will strengthen security, improve checkpoint efficiency and decrease the number of travelers that arrive at TSA checkpoints without accepted identifications.
- Designate registered traveler enrollment as an acceptable alternative: Utilize the existing security and identification features of trusted traveler programs, including TSA Precheck, to reduce the need for a REAL ID Act-compliant driver's license at airport checkpoints as they transition to automated identity verification.

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Ensure enforcement does not begin until the public is ready. This includes ensuring a sufficient number of travelers using the TSA checkpoint provide an acceptable form of ID and an alternative procedure is in place for those without acceptable identification.

MORE ON REAL ID: THE STAR

What makes a REAL ID real? REAL ID-compliant cards are generally marked with a STAR in the upper corner of the card. The style of the star will vary depending on the state, and it's best to check with your state's DMV directly to determine if your license is considered a REAL ID.



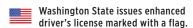
Gold Star



Star cutout in gold circle







The above represents the majority of star variations marked on REAL ID licenses. To determine how to identify your state's REAL ID license, contact your state DMV.

ACCEPTABLE FORMS FOR ID AT SECURITY BEGINNIG MAY 7, 2025

- ★ U.S. passport or passport card
- ★ U.S. military ID
- ★ Enhanced driver's license (Offered in MI, MN, NY, VT, and WA. Generally marked with a U.S. flag)
- ★ DHS trusted traveler cards (Global Entry, NEXUS, SENTRI, FAST)
- REAL ID-compliant driver's license
- ★ See here for more acceptable forms of ID.



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