On October 1, 2021, if you’re an American above the age of 18 and traveling by air within the U.S., whether it’s for business or leisure, you will need a REAL ID-compliant driver’s license or another acceptable form of ID to get through air travel security checkpoints and board your flight.

REAL ID driver’s license are generally marked with a star in the upper corner of the card.

Some states (including MI, MN, NY, VT and WA) are issuing enhanced driver’s licenses either instead of or in addition to REAL IDs. These are generally marked with a U.S. flag.

If you don’t see a star or U.S. flag on your current driver’s license, you will need to visit your state’s DMV or make sure you have another form of accepted identification.

Other forms of acceptable ID include: United States passport or passport card, U.S. military ID or DHS trusted traveler cards (Global Entry, NEXUS, SENTRI, FAST). TSA’s REAL ID webpage has a full list of accepted IDs (tsa.gov/real-id).

We encourage you to check with your DMV for specific details on how to obtain a REAL ID-compliant or enhanced driver’s license.

Each state requires several forms of identification and cost varies. This information is likely available on your state DMV website.

For more information, visit the TSA or DHS REAL ID websites.

Help make sure your family and friends are REAL ID ready so you don’t have trouble traveling by air on or after October 1, 2021.

ABOUT REAL ID
In 2005, Congress passed the REAL ID Act to set standards for the issuance of sources of identification, such as driver’s licenses. On October 1, 2021 all Americans will need a REAL-ID compliant driver’s license or another accepted form of identification to go through airport security.