



Minnesota Department of Public Safety



REAL ID UPDATE



REAL ID is a federal requirement.



The REAL ID Act of 2005

- Based on the 9/11 Commission's recommendation that the federal government "set standards for the issuance of sources of identification, such as driver's licenses."
- Establishes minimum security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and ID cards.
- Prohibits federal agencies from accepting for certain purposes state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards from states not meeting the Act's minimum standards.

REAL ID is a federal requirement.



- **The federal REAL ID Act establishes minimum security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and ID cards.**
- **Beginning Oct. 1, 2020**
 - A REAL ID, enhanced driver's license or ID card, passport or passport card or another acceptable form of identification required for federal purposes.

How did we get here?



- **May 17, 2017 - REAL ID Legislation**
 - The Minnesota Legislature overwhelmingly passes a REAL ID bill, enabling the state to comply with federal regulations. The law directs DPS-DVS to make REAL ID-compliant driver's licenses and ID cards available by October 1, 2018.
- **October 1, 2018 - REAL IDs Available in MN**
 - Minnesotans are able to apply for a REAL ID compliant card October 2018, but they will have two years to obtain one if they choose. That means Minnesotans will be able to use their standard licenses and ID cards for federal purposes, including boarding domestic flights, until October 1, 2020.
- **October 1, 2020 - Federal REAL ID Enforcement**
 - Beginning Oct. 1, 2020, every air traveler 18 years of age or older will need a REAL ID, enhanced driver's license or ID, passport or another acceptable form of ID to fly within the United States or enter federal facilities.

A REAL ID is optional



- **Minnesota offers three different ID options:**
 - Standard driver's license
 - REAL ID
 - Enhanced DL
- **Oct. 1, 2020**
 - All three will be acceptable for driving purposes.
 - Minnesotans will not be able to use their standard driver's license or ID card to board domestic flights or enter federal facilities.



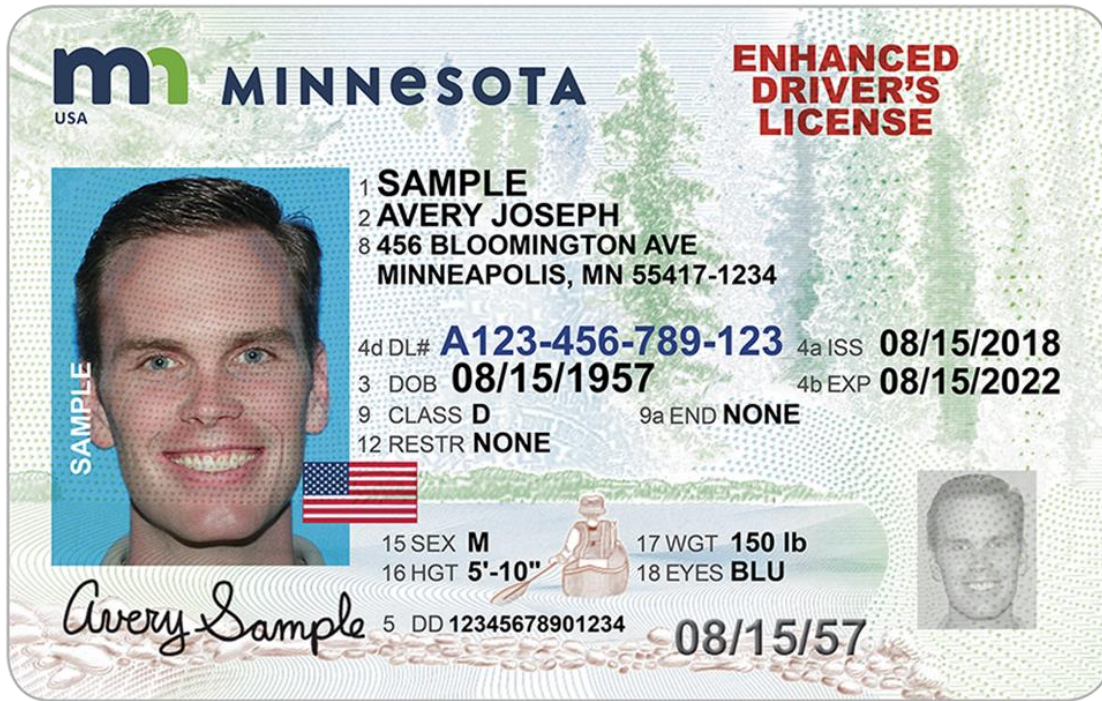
What is REAL ID?



REAL IDs meets federal standards



- Looks the same as a standard driver's license, except for a gold star in the corner.
- Federal law requires an applicant provide more documentation than a standard license to prove:
 - Identity, date of birth and legal presence in the United States.
 - Social security number
 - Current residency in Minnesota



What is an Enhanced Driver's License?



An EDL has several purposes

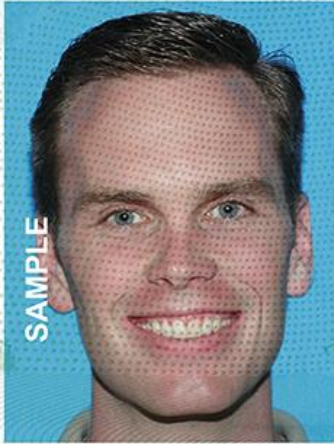


- **Enhanced Driver's Licenses (EDLs) are REAL ID-compliant.**
 - Acceptable for official federal purposes such as accessing a federal facility or boarding commercial aircraft after Oct. 1, 2020.
- **EDLs are also acceptable border-crossing documents.**
 - Can be used to travel by land or sea to Mexico, Canada and some Caribbean countries.
 - Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Vermont, and Washington are the only states that currently issue EDLs.
- **DVS anticipates continued confusion between the REAL ID and EDL.**
 - Current statute prohibits a REAL ID compliant marker on the credential (Star).
 - Minn. Stat. § 171.07(1)(a)(e)
 - Minn. Stat. § 171.07(3)(a)(e)

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**DRIVER'S
LICENSE**

NOT FOR FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION



1 **SAMPLE**
2 **AVERY JOSEPH**
8 **456 BLOOMINGTON AVE**
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55417-1234

4d DL# **A123-456-789-123** 4a ISS **08/15/2018**
3 DOB **08/15/1957** 4b EXP **08/15/2022**
9 CLASS **D** 9a END **NONE**
12 RESTR **NONE**

15 SEX **M** 17 WGT **150 lb**
16 HGT **5'-10"** 18 EYES **BLU**

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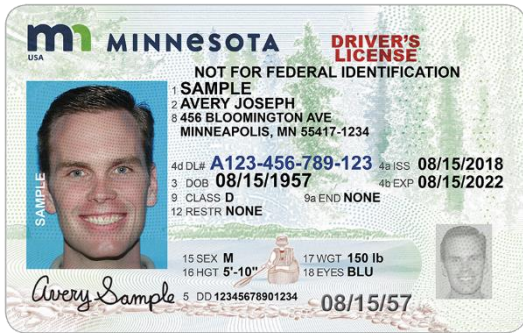
5 DD **12345678901234** **08/15/57**



Minnesota Standard Driver's License



Standard driver's licenses will still be issued



- A standard license or ID card can be used for federal purposes, including boarding domestic flights, until Oct. 1, 2020.
- Marked with “NOT FOR FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION”
 - Will not be accepted for official federal purposes such as accessing a federal facility or boarding commercial aircraft **after Oct. 1, 2020.**
- Acceptable for driving and other identification purposes now and after Oct. 1, 2020.

Passport and passport card accepted



- **TSA will accept other forms of identification, such as a valid passport or U.S. military ID, to fly within the U.S.**
- **Traveling domestically**
 - You can use your passport to verify your identity at the TSA checkpoint instead of a REAL ID-compliant state-issued driver's license.
- **Traveling internationally**
 - You will still need your passport.
- **37.5% of Minnesotans have a passport.**



Where are we now?



- **4,121,875** - valid Minnesota **standard** driver's license or ID card holders
- **333,184** - valid Minnesota **REAL ID** driver's license or ID card holders
- **259,620** - valid Minnesota **Enhanced** driver's license or ID card holders

- **12.57 percent** - Minnesota driver's license and ID card holders who hold a REAL ID-compliant card (REAL ID and EDL).
 - 10.72 percent on Jan. 2, 2020.
 - 9.72 percent on Nov. 27, 2019.
 - 8.91 percent on Nov. 1, 2019.
 - 7.8 percent on Sept. 27, 2019.

- **47 percent** of driver's license and ID card applications in January were for REAL IDs or enhanced driver's licenses or ID cards, up from 34 percent in December.
 - About 19,000 applications each week.

(As of Feb. 13, 2020)

Working to make Minnesota REAL ID Ready



- Working to inform Minnesotans about the REAL ID federal deadline
- Robust communications plan to deliver messages to the public and stakeholders.
 - One-stop website for REAL ID information and resources.
 - The REAL ID website had **1,517,478 pageviews** in 2019, up 235 percent from 2018.
 - News conference held at MSP with TSA and MAC officials to launch REAL ID efforts.
 - News releases issued, including the latest:
 - *Feb. 4, 2020: Rock County Tops the List of REAL ID-Compliant Card Holders at Nearly 22 Percent - DPS-DVS Officials want Minnesotans to be REAL ID Ready ahead of Oct. 1, 2020 deadline*
 - 80+ news stories since Sept. 25, 2019
 - Social media posts on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Nextdoor.
 - Signage provided to Minnesota airports, DVS exam stations, deputy registrars and DL agent offices statewide.
 - Connecting with Minnesotans about REAL ID at community gatherings and DPS-organized events.
 - Video produced to describe REAL ID and the application process.
 - PSA produced and released to all radio, TV and cable outlets in the state.
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Working to make Minnesota REAL ID Ready



REAL ID office

Processing times



- **Transparency**
 - DVS updates current processing times on a weekly basis online at **REALID.dps.mn.gov**.
- **As of Feb. 12, 2020, DVS is processing**
 - Standard applications from Jan. 14, 2020.
 - REAL ID applications from Dec. 27, 2019.
 - Enhanced applications from Dec. 19, 2019.
- **DVS is working to reduce processing times.**
 - Minnesotans who have been waiting longer than the posted dates should contact DPS-DVS directly.
 - Voluntary overtime and additional DVS staff who can process applications in addition to their other workload.
 - Exploring and implementing technology efficiencies.

The Perfect Storm



- **REAL ID**
 - Applications will increase as the federal deadline approaches.
- **Vehicle Title and Registration System (VTRS) - MNDRIVE**
 - The new system will come online Fall 2020.
- **DL testing at exam stations**
 - Summer is the busiest time of year for road tests.



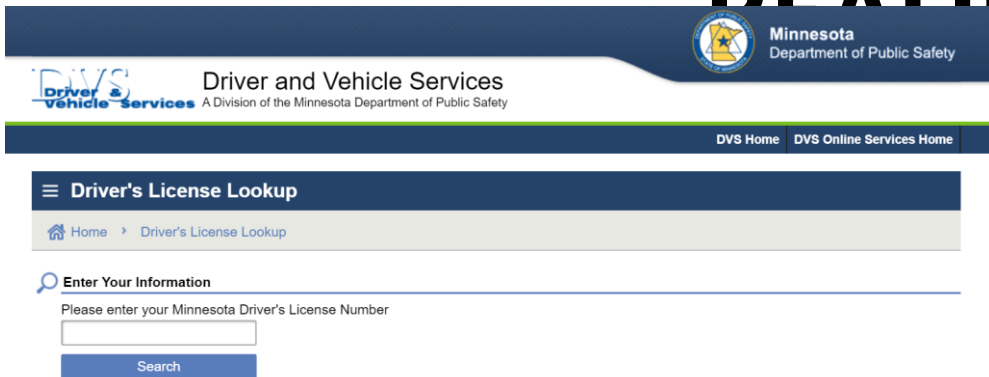
What can you do to help?



- **Communicate with your constituents.**

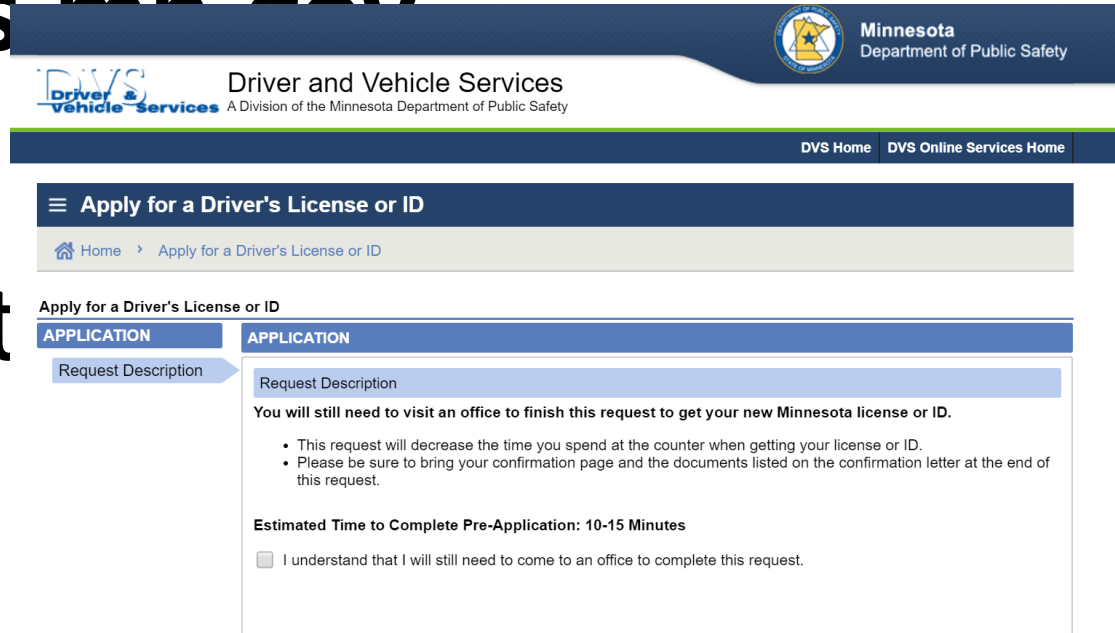
- Resources are available at

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- **Emphasize**



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REAL ID Document Requirements



- **There are additional documents required to apply for a REAL ID.**
 - One document proving identity, date of birth and legal presence in the United States.
 - One document proving social security number.
 - Two different documents proving current residency in Minnesota.
- **A full list of accepted documentation is on the REAL ID website.**
- **Pre-apply online!**
 - Allows Minnesotans to enter a significant portion of their application online, reducing the time they spend in the office.
 - Lists the required documents for each license type so applicants can have all necessary documents ready when they visit their local office.

REAL ID Document Requirements



- **Utility bill cannot have two unrelated names.**
 - Minn. Stat. § 171.0605(5)(12)
- **A utility bill must be 90 days old or less.**
 - Minn. Stat. § 171.0605(5)(12)
- **A title must be issued within 12 months.**
 - Minn. Stat. § 171.0605(5)(1)
- **Paystubs must contain an employer phone number.**
 - Minn. Stat. § 171.0605(5)(6)
- **Insurance policy must be issued in the last 90 days.**
 - Minn. Stat. § 171.0605(5)(9)
- **Insurance cards cannot be accepted for proof of residency.**
 - Minn. Stat. § 171.0605(5)(9)
- **Most customers do not have access to a cancelled check.**
 - Minn. Stat. § 171.0605(5)(3)(ii)

The Road Ahead



- 1. Prevent a last-minute rush of REAL ID applications near the Oct. 1, 2020, deadline.**
 - Communicating the purpose and availability of REAL IDs for Minnesotans now.
- 2. Reduce processing times**
 - Applications will increase as the federal deadline approaches.
- 3. Meet VTRS (MNDRIVE) deadline**
 - Statutory deadline
 - Project is on time and on budget.



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Questions?

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