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## LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT

# URGENT NOTICE TO AFFILIATES

## REAL ID in Pennsylvania

### **Beginning October 1, 2020, Pennsylvanians will need a REAL ID-**

compliant driver's license, photo ID card, or another form of federally-acceptable identification (such as a valid passport or military ID) to board a domestic commercial flight or enter a federal building or military installation that requires ID.

REAL IDs are now available to Pennsylvanians who want them. This guide will help you decide if you need a REAL ID, and provide information on what documents you will need and steps you can take to get an optional REAL ID.

### **DO I HAVE TO GET A REAL ID?**

**No. REAL ID is optional for Pennsylvania residents.** You will be able to get either a REAL ID driver's license or identification card, or a standard driver's license or identification card.

**If you do not get a REAL ID**, you must have an alternate form of federally-acceptable identification (valid passport, military ID, etc.) to board domestic commercial flights and enter certain federal facilities after October 1, 2020.

# PREPARE FOR REAL ID

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## Gather Your Documents

The best thing you can do to prepare for REAL ID is to get your documents together. Federal regulations require that PennDOT must verify original versions or certified copies of the following documents for a customer before issuing a REAL ID:

- **Proof of identity:** Original or certified copy of a birth certificate filed with the state office of vital records with a raised/embossed seal — issued by an authorized government agency — or valid, unexpired U.S. Passport or passport card.
- **Proof of Social Security number:** Social Security card.
- **Two proofs of current, physical PA address (if applicable):** Examples include current, unexpired PA license or ID, PA vehicle registration, auto insurance card or utility bill with the same name and address.
- **Proof of all legal name changes:** Certified marriage certificate, court order, or divorce decree issued by your county's family court.

If you are a lawfully present non-U.S. citizen, acceptable documents include:

- Unexpired Employment Authorization Card (EAD) issued by DHS; Forms I-766 or Form 1-688B
- Valid, Unexpired Permanent Resident Card I-551 Permanent Resident Card (Green Card) Issued by DHS or INS
- Unexpired foreign passport with an unexpired U.S. visa affixed, and an I-94 indicating temporary evidence of permanent residence

- **See attached PA Real ID Document Checklist Fact Sheet**

- **Go to PA Department of Transportation Web Site at:**

<https://www.pa.gov/guides/real-id-pennsylvania/#DoIHavetoGetaREALID>



**Do you have all the documents you'll need to get a REAL ID? Use this checklist to ensure that you have the proper documents to bring to the Driver License Center.**

**PROOF OF IDENTITY**

You will need to provide **ONE** document proving your identity and your lawful status in the United States when applying for a REAL ID. The most common documents you can use to prove your identity are:

**If you are a U.S. citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident**, acceptable documents include:

- Certified copy of a birth certificate filed with the State Office of Vital Statistics with a raised/embossed seal
- A valid, unexpired, U.S. Passport or Passport Card
- Certificate of U.S. Citizenship (USCIS Form N-560 or Form N-561)
- Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA) issued by the U.S. Department of State, Form FS-240, DS-Form1350 or FS-Form 545
- Certificate of Naturalization issued by DHS; Form N-550 or N-570
- Unexpired Employment Authorization Card, (EAD) issued by DHS; Forms I-766 or Form 1-688B
- Valid, Unexpired Permanent Resident Card I-551 (Green Card) Issued by DHS or INS
- Unexpired foreign passport with a valid unexpired US visa affixed, accompanied by the approved I-94 indicating temporary evidence of Permanent Residence

**Some non-US Citizens may be required to provide additional documentation**

**PROOF OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER**

You must present your social security card when applying for a REAL ID. Your card must be original.

- Social Security Card, with your current legal name

**PROOF OF YOUR PENNSYLVANIA RESIDENCY**

You will need to provide **TWO** documents to prove your Pennsylvania residency when applying for a REAL ID. Select which residency documents you will bring to the Driver License Center.

- Current, unexpired PA driver's license or photo ID card
- PA vehicle registration card
- Auto insurance card
- A computer-generated utility bill showing your name and address (cellphone, cable, electric, gas)
- Post-marked mail/package labels through USPS, UPS, FedEx etc.
- A W-2 form/pay stub
- Lease agreements or mortgage documents

**PROOF OF LEGAL NAME, DATE OF BIRTH AND/OR GENDER DESIGNATION CHANGE (if applicable)**

If your current legal name, date of birth, or gender designation is different from the information on your birth certificate or legal status document, you must show legal proof of the change. **Please note: If you are using a passport as your proof of identity and your passport reflects your current name, YOU DO NOT NEED TO SHOW PROOF OF NAME CHANGE.**

For a **name** or **date of birth** change, acceptable documents include:

- Certified marriage certificate(s), for each marriage to track name changes, issued by the county court in which you were married
- Court order(s) approving a change of legal name or date of birth
- Original or certified copy of an amended birth certificate showing a change of name

For a **gender designation** change, acceptable documents include:

- A certified, amended birth certificate with a raised seal
- A completed [DL-32 form](#) (PDF)