FAST FACTS ABOUT FEDERAL REALIDS ACT REQUIREMENTS



What is REAL ID?

Beginning October 1, 2020, the federal government will require your driver license or ID card to be REAL ID compliant if you wish to use it as identification to board a domestic flight or enter secure federal facilities that require identification. The California DMV now offers federal compliant REAL ID driver licenses or ID cards.

Do I Need a REAL ID?

Starting October 1 2020, you will need a REAL ID or other federally approved identification (passport, military ID) to pass TSA airport checkpoints nationwide or visit secure facilities.

NOTE: Check the TSA website for a complete list of approved identification: https://www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/identification

You do not need a REAL ID if...

- you know you will not be boarding a domestic flight or visiting a secure federal facility, such as a military base
- OR will use other approved documents as identification.

If you don't choose a REAL ID, you will receive a Federal Non-Compliant Card with the phrase "Federal Limits Apply." Those under 18 are not required to have a REAL ID to fly.

What Does a REAL ID Look Like?

A REAL ID driver license and ID card has a special marking in the top right corner with a bear and star.



If I Don't apply for a REAL ID, What Card Will I Receive?

You will receive a federal non-compliant driver license or ID card, which has the phrase "Federal Limits Apply."



Who is Eligible for a REAL ID?

U.S. citizens and all legal residents of the United States can apply for a REAL ID driver license or ID card.



How to Get a REAL ID:

In order to get a REAL ID you must go to a DMV office and bring proof of:

- 1 Identity
- 2 Social Security
- California address

NOTE: Name change document is required if the name on your identity document is different than your current legal name.

PLAN AHEAD!

- Make an appointment for your REAL ID visit
- Complete the online driver license/ID card application before you go
- Bring the application fee: \$35 for Driver License or \$30 for ID Card

Find more information on REAL ID, an interactive document checklist. and answers to FAQ at REALID.dmv.ca.gov



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