



DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST 2018

Kentucky submitted an extension letter to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, requesting airlines and restricted federal facilities continue to accept driver's licenses and personal ID cards as acceptable identification until Aug. 19, 2019.

SEPTEMBER 2018

New card design completed and unveiled.

OCTOBER 2018

Kentucky granted a federal extension through Aug. 1, 2019. The state expects to maintain further extensions until federal enforcement begins Oct. 1, 2020.

OCTOBER 2018 - EARLY 2019

Upgraded, modern equipment placed in Circuit Court Clerk offices around the Commonwealth in order to process applications quickly and securely.

APRIL 2019 - JUNE 2019

Phased rollout of new standard and Voluntary Travel ID credentials implemented.

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Enhancing security. Advancing licenses.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT KENTUCKY'S NEW LICENSES

A license is more than proof of your right to drive – it's the primary way you prove who you are. Driver's licenses gain you access to many benefits, like opening a bank account, boarding a plane or making age-restricted purchases. Kentucky is improving the credential you rely on most by upgrading the security features of all licenses, as well as safeguarding our production and issuance process.

On October 1, 2020, standard licenses will no longer meet federal REAL ID requirements for Kentuckians to board U.S. flights or enter select federal facilities and military bases. New security standards were recommended by the 9/11 Commission to prevent the fraudulent use of licenses. Kentucky's new Voluntary Travel ID will offer residents an affordable and convenient single credential to board flights and enter federal facilities, such as military bases and nuclear power plants.

WHAT IS CHANGING?

The issuance of all driver's licenses and personal identification cards will move from on-site production at more than 140 Circuit Court Clerk locations to one central, secure location. This transition, in addition to state-of-the-art card security features, will reduce the risk of fraudulent use and the unlawful reproduction of these identity credentials.

The change will take effect starting in April 2019 at select Circuit Court Clerk locations and will extend to all 120 counties by June.

Residents will visit their local Circuit Court Clerk office to apply for or renew a license, permit or personal ID, and the requested credential will be mailed to the applicant within five to ten business days.

The renewal cycle of licenses and personal IDs will be moving from a four-year to an eight-year lifespan. For the first four years of the new issuance system, non-CDL applicants will get to choose between a four- or eight-year license. From year five and on, all applicants will receive an eight-year license.

WHEN ARE THINGS CHANGING?

As long as Kentucky has an extension from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, you can continue to enjoy all the benefits of your current license –





COST

The cost of all identity credentials will change to factor in the doubled life cycle and enhanced security features. Those who opt for a four-year credential during the first four years of card implementation will pay half the cost.

New standard driver's license

\$43 → 8 years valid

New standard personal ID card

\$23 → 8 years valid

New standard motorcycle license

\$43 → 8 years valid

Voluntary Travel ID driver's license

\$48 → 8 years valid

Voluntary Travel ID personal ID

\$28 → 8 years valid

Voluntary Travel ID motorcycle license

\$48 → 8 years valid

CDL costs vary by type and endorsement combination. Contact the Division of Driver Licensing CDL section for more details at (502) 564-1257.

Non-U.S. citizens may obtain any standard credential for the listed cost, plus a \$30 application fee. Visit drive.ky.gov for more.

including boarding a domestic flight. Kentucky expects to receive additional extensions through October 1, 2020 when federal enforcement begins.

Once the new credentials become available during the phased rollout, there's no need to rush to apply for a new standard license or Voluntary Travel ID. Until your standard license expires or Kentucky's extension runs out, you can keep using it to board U.S. domestic flights and enter restricted federal facilities.

WHAT IS A VOLUNTARY TRAVEL ID?

The Voluntary Travel ID has all the features of a secure, standard license plus the benefit of meeting federal standards, so you can use a single credential for multiple uses.

The Voluntary Travel ID may not be right for everyone. If you own a passport, never fly or don't visit military bases or nuclear power plants, a new standard license may be enough. A standard license will always entitle you to general benefits (driving, voting, business that requires identity proof) and access to buildings that offer essential services (Social Security offices, federal courthouses, VA hospitals).

The Voluntary Travel ID is not a national identification card. Kentucky will maintain strict control over our driver's licenses and personal ID cards and will only share information with law enforcement agencies for the purpose of fraud detection.

WHAT DOCUMENTS DO I NEED TO APPLY FOR A NEW CREDENTIAL?

U.S. citizens and permanent residents are eligible to apply for a Voluntary Travel ID by presenting the following (Visit drive.ky.gov for full acceptable documents list):

1 PROOF OF IDENTITY



CERTIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATE, PASSPORT, PERMANENT RESIDENT CARD, ETC.

2 PROOFS OF RESIDENCY



UTILITY BILL, SALARY STATEMENT, ETC.
(MUST BE LESS THAN 61 DAYS OLD)

1 PROOF OF SOCIAL SECURITY



NON-LAMINATED SOCIAL SECURITY CARD
OR CURRENT TAX YEAR W-2 FORM

IMPORTANT NOTICE: If your current legal name, date of birth, or gender is different than what is displayed on your identity or lawful status document, you must show legal proof of the changes. Visit drive.ky.gov for a list of acceptable documents.

First-time applicants requesting a new standard driver's license must present one (1) proof of identity, one (1) proof of social security and one (1) proof of residency. A birth certificate must always serve as the proof of identity for applicants under 18. To renew a standard license or personal ID, applicants only need to surrender their current credential. Personal identification cards require the same verification documents as a license. Non-U.S. citizens may apply for any standard credential.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Kentuckians are urged to prepare by gathering documentation and making any necessary updates. Gathering, replacing and updating required documents can spare applicants from repeat trips to Circuit Court Clerk offices. The IDocument Guide interactive tool helps citizens create a personalized list of documents and can be found at drive.ky.gov/confidentky.

For more information about Kentucky's new licenses, visit drive.ky.gov/confidentky.

