

VALID PROOF DOCUMENTS

For Kentucky Driver's Licenses, permits, and identification cards

Proof of Identity

Choose (1) for REAL ID or standard card

PROOF OF IDENTITY MUST BE THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT, OR A CERTIFIED COPY, WITH APPROPRIATE SEAL. NO PHOTOCOPIES ARE ACCEPTED.

Birth certificate

- U.S. Birth Certificate issued by appropriate government agency of a U.S. state or territory. U.S. territories include Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands (Saipan, Tinian, Rota), Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands. **Hospital-issued certificate invalid.** If you wish to obtain a certified copy of your birth certificate, contact the Office of Vital Statistics in your birth state. For Kentucky - chfsky.gov or (800) 241-8322.

- Court ordered adoption papers showing filed date along with a Certificate of Foreign Birth

- U.S. Consular Report of Birth Abroad

Passport documents

Valid and unexpired with photograph

(Validity of documents presented are verified through their respective agency.)

- U.S. Passport
- U.S. Passport card
- Foreign Passport/Visa/I-94/Stamped I-551 Issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security or U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Resident/citizenship documents

Valid and unexpired documents issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security or U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

- Permanent Resident Card Form I-551
- Conditional Permanent Resident Card
- Certificate of Naturalization Form N-550 or Form N-570
- Certificate of Citizenship Form N-560 or Form N-561i

Additional exceptions

Other information the Cabinet may require by administrative regulation promulgated under KRS Chapter 13A.

Proof of Social Security Number

Choose (1) for REAL ID or standard card

Social Security card

- Social Security Card
No photocopies permitted. To request a replacement Social Security card, visit the Social Security Administration's website at ssa.gov/ssnumber. **Must display current name.**

Other income documents

- W-2 Wage and Tax Statement **OR** 1099 **Most recently issued**; full social security number displayed; **Must not be handwritten.**
- Paycheck stub or statement
Full social security number displayed.

Proof of Residency

Choose (2) for REAL ID card

OR choose (1) for standard card

A Kentucky post office box address is not sufficient proof of physical address. The Cabinet may require additional proof of physical address if necessary.

Most current documents

- Lease or rental agreement
- Mortgage statement
- Insurance policy
- Record from an educational institution in Kentucky which establishes enrollment
- Property tax bill
- Kentucky vehicle registration
- Kentucky titles
- Operator's license, instruction permit, or personal identification card
- IRS forms: W-2 **OR** 1099 (most recent tax year)

Documents dated less than 1 year

- Utility bill - Landline, electric, gas, cable, etc.
- Telephone bill
- Bank statement
- State or federal tax return
- Pay slip or salary statement
- Kentucky voter registration card
- U.S. Postal Service postmarked mail

Additional Documents

Out of state

- If you are moving to Kentucky from another state, territory or country, a clearance letter or operator's license from the previous state, territory or country of residence is required.

Younger than 18 years old

- REAL ID or Standard ID under 18
- Must present certified Birth Certificate **AND**
- Social Security card
- Other documents required if applicable:
 - Parent Guardian Form
 - Custody Verification (required if not parent listed on certified Birth Certificate)
 - CHFS Verification Letter for Foster Children (required if foster child)
 - School Verification Form (required if in school)
 - Certificate from an approved driver training program if applying for driver's license.

- Early enlistment for military service
Must have held a valid permit for 180+ days, passed a skills test, and completed a driver training program to obtain a permanent license. Must provide a valid U.S. Uniformed Services ID or proof of military enlistment.

Veteran/military

- If you wish to note veteran status on a credential, you must submit a DD-214, DD-256, DD-257, or NGB-22.

Other

- P.O. Box
If you do not receive mail at your physical address, you will need proof of post office box for mailing address. **MAY NOT BE USED AS A PHYSICAL ADDRESS PROOF.**
- Dropping a license or class
If you will no longer drive **OR** If you are a CDL driver dropping a class, endorsement or restriction, you must present a voluntarily surrendered affidavit.
- Motorcycle License
If you are a motorcycle permit holder applying for a motorcycle license, you must have a motorcycle safety course completion certificate/affidavit
- Felon Release
VALID PROOF ONLY FOR STANDARD LICENSE
Must present a certified U.S. Birth Certificate and a Felon Release Letter issued by the Federal Bureau of Prisons located in Kentucky, KY Department of Corrections, Division of Probation and Parole, or the U.S. Probation Office.

Name or Gender change

If your current legal name, date of birth, or gender is different from what is displayed on your identity or lawful status document, you must show legal proof of the changes.

Name Change

Bring all that apply

- Certified Marriage Certificate
- Certified Divorce Decree
Must show that a name change was granted
- Certified Legal Name Change Order
- Death certificate of spouse

Gender Change

One (1) required

- Court Order changing gender marker
- Letter from surgeon verifying completion of gender reassignment
- Amended Birth Certificate
- Gender change documentation (details forthcoming)

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