



When applying for a REAL ID card

Present Documents

Applicants must provide (1) proof of identity, (1) proof of social security and (2) proofs of residency. Carefully review the full list of accepted documentation for a REAL ID you need to gather before applying; additional documentation, like a marriage certificate or divorce decree, may be necessary.

Arrive In The Mail

Residents will visit a regional licensing office to apply for a new credential. The requested credential will arrive in the mail at the address provided by the applicant 10-15 business days later.

Temporary Document

Applicants will leave the regional office with a 30-day temporary printed document and a hole-punched version of their current card to use until the requested credential arrives in the mail.

Extended Shelf-Life

REAL IDs are available in four or eight-year lifespans.

New Pricing

The cost of REAL ID credentials will account for the extended renewal cycle and additional security improvements. Kentuckians with a credential more than six months from expiring the date they apply may pay \$15 to upgrade to a REAL ID credential that maintains their current credential's expiration date.



What is changing?

The REAL ID Act is a federal law to enhance the security of state-issued driving credentials. Starting **October 1, 2021**, Kentucky's standard driver's licenses with the Kentucky Unbridled Spirit logo will no longer be accepted to board commercial flights within the U.S., or enter into military bases, nuclear power plants or any federal building that requires identification. Kentuckians may use a federal form of identification, like a passport, passport card or military ID, to maintain these travel and access benefits. Kentuckians can also choose to apply for a Kentucky REAL ID (credentials featuring a star icon). REAL IDs will be available at regional licensing offices in portions of the state and are not required before the enforcement date. These card versions work as a driver's license, permit or personal ID card, plus they are accepted for domestic air travel, military base entry and entry into restricted federal buildings.

REAL ID Application Documents

1 PROOF OF IDENTITY

Certified birth certificate, passport, permanent resident card, etc. (no photocopies, applicants under 18 must provide birth certificate)



2 PROOFS OF RESIDENCY

KY driver's license with current home address, utility bill (must be less than 1 year old), etc.



1 PROOF OF SOCIAL SECURITY



Social Security card, current tax year W-2 or 1099 form (no photocopies of social security card, SSN may not be handwritten)

1 PROOF OF NAME CHANGE (if applicable)



If the current legal name is not displayed on all of the proof documents, bring legal document linking the name change.

Kentuckians applying for a REAL ID card must present one (1) valid proof of identity, one (1) valid proof of social security number and two (2) valid proofs of residency. If an applicant's name or gender doesn't match on the proof documents, additional documentation (like a marriage certificate or divorce decree) may be required. **A detailed list of acceptable documents is available on the REAL ID KY website.** The online IDocument Guide quiz provides a customized list of documents an applicant will need to present. Some acceptable documents have strict requirements (i.e. no photocopies of birth certificates, documents must be unexpired).





COST

The cost of all identity credentials will change to factor in the doubled life cycle and enhanced security features. Cards with a four-year lifespan are half the cost of an eight-year credential.

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

REAL ID driver's license

\$48 → 8 years valid

REAL ID personal ID

\$28 → 8 years valid

REAL 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.

REAL ID-compliant cards

Acceptable forms of ID for U.S. commercial air travel include the following valid and unexpired credentials:

- | | Kentucky REAL ID | | Kentucky STANDARD CREDENTIAL |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Kentucky's REALID card versions or other REAL ID-compliant cards offered by other states | ✓ |  Driving (licenses, permits) | ✓ |
| 2. U.S. passport | ✓ |  Voting | ✓ |
| 3. U.S. passport card | ✓ |  Age-restricted purchases | ✓ |
| 4. DHS trusted traveler card (Global Entry, NEXUS, SENTRI, FAST) | ✓ |  Accessing federal and social benefits (Social Security offices, VA hospitals, etc.) | ✓ |
| 5. U.S. Department of Defense ID, including IDs issued to dependents | ✓ |  U.S. air travel (Starting Oct. 1, 2021) | ✗ |
| 6. Permanent resident card | ✓ |  Visiting military bases, nuclear power plants and federal buildings that require identification starting Oct. 1, 2021 | ✗ |
| 7. Border crossing card | ✓ | | |
| 8. DHS-designated enhanced driver's license | ✓ | | |
| 9. Federally recognized, tribal-issued photo ID | ✓ | | |
| 10. HSPD-12 PIV card | ✓ | | |
| 11. Foreign government-issued passport | ✓ | | |
| 12. Canadian provincial driver's license or Indian/Northern Affairs Canada card | ✓ | | |
| 13. Transportation worker identification credential (TWIC®) | ✓ | | |
| 14. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Employment Authorization Card (I-766) | ✓ | | |
| 15. U.S. Merchant Mariner Credential | ✓ | | |

Military bases and federal buildings like the White House, that require ID, will accept REAL IDs. For a list of other acceptable forms of identification, contact the base or building directly before visiting.

REAL ID Regional Licensing Offices

Kentucky is creating REAL ID regional driver's license offices across the state to make new REAL ID compliant driving and identity credentials available to Kentuckians who prefer to use them for travel and access benefits. **A complete list of regional licensing offices is available at www.realidky.com.** Residents will continue to visit Circuit Court Clerk's offices to apply for standard, non-compliant credentials (driver's license, permit, personal ID).

License Renewal vs. Upgrade

If you request a REAL ID and your current license expires within six months of the date you apply, you may **renew** your license for either four or eight years. If your current license expires more than six months from the date you apply, you may pay \$15 to **upgrade** to the REAL ID license that will keep the same expiration date as your current card (you're eligible to renew your license once you're within your six-month renewal period).

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