

DOMESTIC TRAVEL AND REAL ID-COMPLIANT DRIVER'S LICENSE AND ID

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the national emergency declaration, the Department of Homeland Security is extending the REAL ID deadline by a year. The new deadline for REAL ID enforcement is **October 1, 2021**.

All residents traveling domestically by plane in the U.S. must show a REAL ID-compliant document at the airport.

A "REAL ID" compliant document is one of the following:

1. REAL ID-Compliant driver's licenses marked with a gold circle with a star inside.
2. Enhanced Driver's license may not have this star on them currently but will have this star printed on them once they are renewed.
3. Other compliant documents include valid U.S. passports and trusted traveler cards issue by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Michigan Secretary of State offices now offer REAL ID-compliant driver's licenses and ID cards, which are marked with a gold circle with a star inside. You will find the REAL ID star on REAL ID-compliant standard driver's licenses and state ID cards and on the Enhanced Driver's License and Enhanced State ID Card. Enhanced licenses and enhanced state IDs that do not have a star on them are Real ID compliant and will be printed with a star when renewed or replaced.

To apply for a REAL ID-compliant driver's license or ID card, you will need to bring your valid U.S. passport or certified birth certificate with a raised seal or stamp to any Secretary of State office. Other documents verifying legal presence are accepted. **If your name is different from what is on your birth certificate**, you will need to bring in a **certified name-change document**, such as your marriage license or court order.

Multiple documents may be needed if your name has changed more than once. There is no extra cost to apply when renewing your driver's license or ID, but if you apply outside of your normal renewal time, a duplicate card fee will be charged for a REAL ID.

What is REAL ID?

Under the federal REAL ID Act, Michigan residents boarding a domestic flight or entering certain federal facilities, military bases and nuclear power plants must show a REAL ID-compliant document beginning Oct. 1, 2021 more inform is available at www.michigan.gov/sos