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# **Illinois REAL ID Does Not Go Into Effect Until October 1, 2021. UPDATED BY SYLVIA CHAPMAN**

**REAL ID does not go into effect until** October 1, 2021.

Your current Illinois driver's license or ID card (DL/ID) will be accepted at airports, military bases and secure federal facilities until Oct. 1, 2020. We are providing you with the choice either to obtain a REAL ID card or to keep a standard card. Take time to know your options.

You **NEED** a REAL ID if:

- You do **not** have a valid U.S. passport or passport card; AND
- You use airplanes as a mode of domestic transportation; or
- You visit military bases; or
- You visit secure federal facilities.

You **DO NOT NEED** a REAL ID if

- You have a valid U.S. passport or passport card; or
- You do **not** use airplanes as a mode of domestic transportation; or

- You do **not** visit military bases; or
- You do **not** visit secure federal facilities.

To see what documents you need to apply for a REAL ID, visit the [REAL ID Interactive Checklist](#).

**All Driver Services facilities are issuing REAL IDs, with the exception of mobile units and express facilities (Diversey, Lockport, Orland Park, Rockford Auburn St., Roscoe, Washington and Wheaton).**

### **Application Process for REAL ID Driver's License or ID**

Step 1: Visit a [Secretary of State Driver Services facility](#) and take your photo and any required exams.

Step 2: All applicants must provide proof of identity. (Examples are: a certified U.S. birth certificate, a U.S. passport, an employment authorization document, a permanent resident card or a foreign passport with an approved I-94 form.) \*Please note that name change documents, such as a certified copy of a marriage certificate, will be required if the applicant presents a birth certificate with a name different from his/her current name.

Step 3: All applicants must provide proof of full Social Security number (SSN). (Examples are: an SSN card, a W-2 or a pay stub with full SSN.)

Step 4: All applicants must provide two current residency documents with the applicant's name. (Examples are: a utility bill, rental agreement, deed/title or a bank statement.)

Step 5: All applicants must provide proof of signature. (Examples are: a credit/debit card,

canceled check or current Illinois DL/ID.)

Step 6: Receive a temporary, secure paper DL/ID at the facility. *\*Please note that the TSA and federal agents will not accept the paper document.*

Step 7: After review and verification of documents have been conducted, your new permanent REAL ID card will be mailed to you within 15 business days.

**Complete this simple [interactive checklist](#) to find out exactly what documents you will need to bring to apply for a REAL ID DL/ID before visiting a Driver Services facility.**

**MORE INFORMATION Illinois Secretary of State Website: <https://realid.ilsos.gov/>**