

# Acceptable Identification Documents

## Primary Documents (P)

At least one (1) document must be from this group:

1. Current or expired U.S. or non-U.S. passport with photograph and signature. Not valid if expired more than 12 months. (Acceptable for date of birth or signature only.)
2. Current or expired Massachusetts Firearms Card, with photograph, signature, address and date of birth. Not valid if expired more than 12 months. (Acceptable for residence or date of birth or signature.)
3. Current or expired U.S. military (or military dependent) ID with photograph, signature, and date of birth. Not valid if expired more than 12 months. (Acceptable for date of birth or signature.)
4. Current or expired U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner card with photograph, signature, and date of birth. Not valid if expired more than 12 months. (Acceptable for date of birth or signature only.)
5. Current Massachusetts learner's permit, driver's license, or RMV issued Massachusetts ID card. (Acceptable for residence or date of birth or signature.)
6. Expired Massachusetts driver's license or ID card. (Not valid if expired more than 12 months. Acceptable for residence or date of birth or signature.)
7. Current or expired out-of-state license with photograph, applicant's signature, and date of birth that is issued by a state, territory, or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, a province of Canada, or a state of Mexico or the Federal District of Mexico City (a certified copy is acceptable). (Acceptable for date of birth or signature.)
8. Original birth certificate issued in the United States or its territories or a copy certified by the agency that issued the original certificate or a copy certified by a Bureau of Vital Statistics or a state Board of Health within the United States (a hospital issued certificate is not acceptable). (Not expired more than 12 months. Acceptable for date of birth only.)
9. Certified or attested copy of a court order of a federal, state, or county court within the United States that contains a raised court seal and includes the applicant's full name and date of birth (examples include an adoption document, a name change document, and a gender change document). (Acceptable for date of birth but if used for residence must be dated within 12 months of RMV application.)
10. Certain Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services documents and other U.S. Government immigration documents.

### **Acceptable Immigration Documents**

**(May be acceptable for date of birth or signature only) If the document has an expiration date which has passed, the document is not acceptable.)**

1. Certificate of Naturalization ..... N-550, or N-570
2. Certificate of Citizenship ..... N-560, or N-561
3. U.S. Citizen Identification Card ..... I-179 or I-197
4. Resident Alien Card ("Green Card") ..... I-151, I-551, AR-2, AR-3
5. Temporary Resident Identification Card ..... I-688
6. Non-Resident Alien Canadian Border Crossing Card ..... I-185 or I-586
7. Record of Departure (in valid Foreign Passport) ..... I-94 (Departure Record)  
The I-94 and the valid foreign Passport it is within, count as only one (1) Acceptable Document.
8. Processed for I-551 stamp (in valid, Foreign Passport)
9. Permanent Resident Re-entry Permit ..... I-327
10. Refugee Travel Document ..... I-571
11. Employment Authorization Card . . . . . I-688A, I-688B, I-766
12. Documents specific to the applicant based upon decisions of the U.S. Department of State, U.S. Department of Justice (including Executive Office for Immigration Review, Board of Immigration Appeals and former Immigration and Naturalization Service), or U.S. Department of Homeland Security (including Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.)

## Secondary Documents (S)

No more than two (2) documents can be from this group:

1. Home mortgage or lease; or loan contracts (examples include Retail Installment Sale Agreement, and Motor Vehicle Installment Sale Contract), with the applicant's name and signature. (Acceptable for signature but if used for residence must be dated within 12 months of RMV application.)
2. Life insurance policy with the applicant's name, signature, and date of signing. (Acceptable for residence or signature but if used for residence must be dated within 12 months of RMV application.)
3. U.S. military discharge papers (DD 214), with the applicant's date of birth and signature. (Acceptable for date of birth or signature only.)
4. (i) A bank passbook with applicant's name and address printed or written in a designated place in the passbook; (ii) A bank statement or transaction-related document (no more than 60 days old) on a form generated by the issuing bank and displaying the bank's name and mail address, and the applicant's name and mail address, received through mail by applicant; or (iii) A checkbook with the applicant's pre-printed name and address. (Acceptable for residence only.)
5. Canceled personal check (copy acceptable if printed on a sheet with other cancelled checks and issued as part of a monthly statement by the bank) with signature of applicant and preprinted address on the check and dated not more than 60 days earlier. (Acceptable for residence or signature.)
6. Original or certified copy of a divorce decree. (To the extent that the decree contains the information, it may be acceptable for residence or signature but must be dated in the appropriate place within 12 months of RMV application if used for residence.)
7. Original or certified copy of a marriage certificate. (Acceptable for residence, signature or date of birth but must be dated within 12 months of RMV application if used for residence.)
8. Original or certified copy of a non-U.S. birth certificate (if not in English, must be accompanied by an acceptable translation). (Acceptable for date of birth only.)
9. Current or expired ID (not expired more than 12 months) with photograph and applicant's signature, issued by a U.S. agency, the District of Columbia, a state or state agency (but not a state college/university ID), a municipality, a territory, or a possession of the United States, a province of Canada, or a state of Mexico or the Federal District of Mexico City. (Acceptable for signature only.)
10. Bureau of Indian Affairs or Indian Treaty Card (tribal ID is not acceptable.)
11. A utility bill (gas, electric, wired telephone, wired cable, or heating oil delivery bill) (no more than 60 days old) or a property tax or an excise tax bill that is for the current or the immediate prior year and that contains the applicant's name and address. (Acceptable for residence.)
12. Original Massachusetts Department of Correction (DOC) Certificate of Discharge or Release.
13. Current or expired non-U.S. driver's license with applicant's signature. Not valid if expired more than 12 months. (If not in English, it must be accompanied by an International Driving Permit or another acceptable translation). (Acceptable for signature only.)
14. Tuition bill, not more than 12 months old, or student loan coupons, with a due date of not more than 12 months old, with applicant's current Massachusetts address. (Acceptable for residence only.)
15. Original school transcript with name and address. (Acceptable for residence if not more than 12 months old with applicant's current Massachusetts address.)
16. Original or certified copy of a baptismal certificate, provided the original certificate was issued within 1 year of the applicant's birth by a church in the United States and contains the applicant's date of birth. (Acceptable for date of birth only.)
17. Original letter issued and signed by the principal, headmaster, or official keeper of the records of a Massachusetts school (including a college or university) that is on the letterhead of the school and states the applicant is currently a resident student and includes the applicant's name and date of birth. (Acceptable for date of birth and residence but must be dated within 12 months of RMV application if used for residence.)