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Identification Documents Checklist

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See required documents outlined below to obtain a REAL ID driver’s license / ID card or a Standard driver’s license / ID card.

- Documents must comply with the following criteria:
  - Must be originals.
  - Photocopies will not be accepted.
  - Laminated documents will not be accepted.
  - A single document cannot be used to meet multiple proof requirements when applying for a REAL ID driver’s license / ID card.
- If you are missing a required document, your credential will NOT be processed.

### PROOF OF LAWFUL PRESENCE / PROOF OF DATE OF BIRTH

All documents must be valid and unexpired – one document required

- **For Standard ID**
  - U.S. Passport or Passport Card
  - Original or certified version of U.S. birth certificate that meets the following requirements:
    - Issued by the city, county, or state of birth
    - Lists applicant’s full name, date of birth, and place of birth
    - Lists parent(s)’ full names
    - Has the signature of the city, county, or state registrar
    - Has the date filed with registrar’s office (must be within one year of birth)
    - Has the seal of issuing authority
  - Puerto Rican Birth Certificates must be issued after July 1, 2010.
  - Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA) issued by the Department of State Form FS-240, DS-1350, FS-545
  - Permanent Resident Card issued by Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Form I-551

- **For REAL ID**
  - Temporary I-551 stamp in Foreign Passport
  - Foreign Passport with a valid U.S. visa affixed
    - A non-U.S. Passport must contain a current visa and be presented with an I-94 Record of Arrival and Departure, unless you have a Permanent Resident Card or other change in status
    - The I-94 can be either a paper version from U.S. Customs and Border Protection or a printout of an electronic version downloaded from their website at cbp.gov/i94
    - For customers who have a Certificate of Eligibility (I-20) or Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor Status (DS-2019) documentation verifying the applicant’s most recent admittance into the U. S. must be shown
  - Certificate of Citizenship issued by Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Form N-560 or Form N-561
  - Certificate of Naturalization Form N-550 or N-570
  - Re-Entry Permit Form I-327 (for Standard license/ID only)
  - Refugee Travel Document Form I-571 (for Standard license/ID only)

*Your current name must match the name on your lawful presence document(s) when applying for a REAL ID driver’s license / ID card.*

- If your current name does NOT match the name that appears on your lawful presence document(s), you must prove your legal name change in order to qualify for a REAL ID driver’s license/ID card.
- If you have multiple name changes, you must provide one of the following documents listed below for EACH name change:
  - Marriage Certificate (must be issued from the municipality)
  - Divorce Decree
  - Court Document

- For a Standard driver’s license/ID card, a proof of name change document is not required.
- Go to Mass.Gov/ID for more information.
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**PROOF OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER**
- For REAL ID license/ID, one document below must be presented.
- For a Standard driver’s license/ID, your SSN must validate with SSA or you must provide a SSN Denial Notice with Passport, Visa, and I-94.
- Hand-written documents will NOT be accepted.
- The document must display your current name.

- [ ] SSN card (cannot be laminated)
- [ ] W-2 Form that displays 9-digit SSN
- [ ] SSA-1099 Form that displays 9-digit SSN
- [ ] Non-SSA-1099 Form that displays 9-digit SSN
- [ ] Pay stub that displays 9-digit SSN
- [ ] SSN Denial Notice issued by SSA with Passport, Visa, and I-94 (dated within 60 days)

**PROOF OF MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENCY**
Document must display current residential address with applicant’s name — no P.O. boxes or ‘in care of’ can be accepted.
- For a REAL ID driver’s license or ID – You need to provide two documents from checklist.
- For a Standard driver’s license or ID – You need to provide one document from checklist.

Massachusetts RMV-issued documents: (Only one item can be accepted)
- [ ] Current driver’s license
- [ ] Current Massachusetts ID card (Liquor ID not accepted)
- [ ] Current learner’s permit
- [ ] RMV-issued mail dated within 60 days (including driver’s license/registration reminders, vehicle registration)

State/federal/city/town/county agency-issued documents:
- [ ] 1st class, government-issued mail dated within 60 days
- [ ] Current MA-issued professional license
- [ ] Medicaid statement dated within 60 days
- [ ] Current firearms card
- [ ] Jury duty summons dated within 60 days
- [ ] Court correspondence dated within 60 days
- [ ] Property tax for current year
- [ ] Excise tax for current year

Bills: Must be dated within 60 days
- [ ] Utility bill (electric, telephone, water, sewer, cable, satellite, heating)
- [ ] Credit card statement
- [ ] Medical/hospital statement
- [ ] Insurance bill (auto, medical, home, rental)
- [ ] Cell phone bill

Lease/Mortgage:
- [ ] Current lease/mortgage or similar rental contract
- [ ] Mortgage statement dated with 60 days

Financial-related documents:
- [ ] W-2 wage and tax statement from immediate prior year
- [ ] Current pension statement (401k, 457, SEP, etc.)
- [ ] Current retirement statement
- [ ] Pay stub dated within 60 days
- [ ] Current SSA statement
- [ ] Current installment loan contract (car loan)
- [ ] Bank statement (savings or checking account) dated within 60 days

School-issued documents:
- [ ] Official school transcript for current year
- [ ] Official letter from school (proof of enrollment) dated within 60 days
- [ ] Tuition bill for current year
- [ ] Certified school record for current year

Insurance-related documents:
Current year only
- [ ] Auto insurance policy
- [ ] Renter’s insurance policy
- [ ] Homeowner’s insurance policy

For applicants under the age of 18
- [ ] Alternative Residency Affidavit

Please present this checklist and the documents selected with your completed application. “Get Ready” online for faster service – Mass.Gov/ID