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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

- 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.

NOTE: If you submit a birth abstract, it must meet all of the requirements above.

- 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
- 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)
- Temporary I-551 stamp in Foreign Passport

NOTE: All immigration documents must show a valid continuous 12-month stay in the U.S.

- 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

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**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.

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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.

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**For REAL ID** Check One

- ☐ SSN card (cannot be laminated)
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**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.

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