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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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Passport or Passport Card | <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary I-551 stamp in Foreign Passport |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Original or certified version of U.S. birth certificate that meets the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.
<i>NOTE: If you submit a birth abstract, it must meet all of the requirements above.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment Authorization Document (EAD) issued by Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Form I-766, or Form I-668B
<i>NOTE: All immigration documents must show a valid continuous 12-month stay in the U.S.</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA) issued by the Department of State Form FS-240, DS-1350, FS-545 | <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Passport with a valid U.S. visa affixed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Resident Card issued by Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Form I-551 | <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Citizenship issued by Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Form N-560 or Form N-561 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Naturalization Form N-550 or N-570 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Re-Entry Permit Form I-327 (for Standard license/ID only) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Refugee Travel Document Form I-571 (for Standard license/ID only) |

For Standard ID
 Check One

For REAL ID
 Check One

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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SSN card (cannot be laminated) | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-SSA-1099 Form that displays 9-digit SSN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> W-2 Form that displays 9-digit SSN | <input type="checkbox"/> Pay stub that displays 9-digit SSN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SSA-1099 Form that displays 9-digit SSN | <input type="checkbox"/> SSN Denial Notice issued by SSA with Passport, Visa, and I-94 (dated within 60 days) |

For REAL ID

Check One

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

For Standard ID

Check One

For REAL ID

Check Two

**Please present this checklist and the documents selected with your completed application.
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