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REAL ID, Standard CDL, & Standard ID Card
Documents Checklist

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See required documents outlined below to obtain a REAL ID driver’s license / ID card, a Standard commercial driver’s license, or a Standard ID card. The list below does NOT include the requirement for a Standard Class D or M driver’s license. Those are covered in the Standard Class D or M Documents Checklist.

• 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.
• 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
☐ 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 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 CDL/ID only)
☐ Refugee Travel Document Form I-571 (for Standard CDL/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 commercial 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.
- The document must display your current name.
- For a Standard ID card, your SSN must validate with SSA or you must provide a SSN Denial Notice with Passport, Visa, and I-94.
- For a Standard commercial driver’s license, you must provide an SSN that validates with SSA.

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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. Any documents indicating ‘dated within 60 days’ must be within 60 days of your appointment.
- 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/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 or real estate 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 or health insurance 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:**
- Federal tax document/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 (including from any college, university, or trade school):**
- Official school transcript for current year
- Official letter from school (proof of enrollment) dated within 60 days
- Tuition 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

**Alternative Residency Affidavits**
- Alternative Residency Affidavit for applicants under 18
- Alternative Residency Affidavit Human Services/Shelter (for Standard ID applicants only)

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

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