

Acceptable Forms of Identification

To get or renew any driver's license, ID card, or learner's permit, you need documents and/or proof of your Social Security number, U.S. citizenship or lawful presence, and Massachusetts residency as required by federal and state law.

Below are the types of documents the RMV will accept to prove identity.

Documents to prove Social Security Number (SSN) Requirement

For a REAL ID license or ID card, one document must be from this group. For a Standard Massachusetts credential, you must have a SSN that validates with Social Security Administration or a SSN Denial Notice with passport, visa, and I-94. For a liquor ID, one document must be from this group:

- SSN Card (cannot be laminated)
- W-2 Form
- SSA-1099 Form
- Non-SSA-1099 Form
- A pay stub with the applicant's name and full SSN on it
- SSN Denial Notice with passport, visa, and I-94

Note: For a document to prove SSN, it must show your full nine-digit SSN. None of the numbers can be concealed.

Documents to prove Lawful Presence/Date of Birth Requirement

For a REAL ID card, Standard Massachusetts card, or liquor ID, one document must be from this group.

SSN Card (cannot be laminated)

- Valid, unexpired U.S. passport or passport card
- Certified copy of a birth certificate filed with a State Office of Vital Statistics or equivalent agency in the individual's state of birth
 - A Puerto Rican birth certificate will only be accepted for identification if it was issued on or after July 1, 2010. For more information on the Puerto Rican birth certificate law, visit the Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration website at prfaa.pr.gov
- Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA) issued by the U.S. Department of State, Form FS-240, DS-1350, or FS-545
- Valid, unexpired Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551) issued by DHS or INS
- Temporary I-551 stamp in foreign passport
- Unexpired employment authorization document (EAD) issued by DHS, Form I-766, or Form I-688B
- Unexpired foreign passport with a valid, unexpired U.S. visa affixed
 - A non-US 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 applicable 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 United States must be shown
- Certificate of Citizenship, Form N-560, or Form N-561, issued by DHS
- Certificate of Naturalization (Form N-550 or N-570)
- Re-Entry Permit (I-327)
- Refugee Travel Document (I-571)

Notes:

- All foreign documents must show a valid 12-month stay.
- For a REAL ID: If your current name doesn't match the one that appears on your lawful presence document(s), you must prove the legal name change with an acceptable document. A marriage certificate, divorce decree, or court document all qualify.
- If your U.S. Passport was issued within the last six months, please bring your certified copy of your U.S. birth certificate.

Documents to prove Massachusetts Residency Requirement

For a REAL ID credential, two documents must be from this group. For a Standard Massachusetts card, one document must be from this group. For a document to prove residence, it must state the residential address. A P.O. Box is not an acceptable proof of residency. Documents mailed "in care of" are not valid for proof of residency.

Massachusetts RMV- issued documents (can use one from the options below):

- Current license, Massachusetts ID card, or learner's permit (liquor ID not accepted)
- RMV-issued correspondence dated within 60 days and received via U.S. mail (including license/registration reminders)

State/federal/municipal/city/town/county agency-issued documents:

- 1st class mail dated within 60 days
- Current MA-issued professional license with photograph
- 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:

- Utility bill (electric, telephone, water, sewer, cable, satellite, heating) dated within 60 days
- Credit card statement dated within 60 days
- Medical/hospital statement dated within 60 days
- Cell phone bill dated within 60 days

Lease/Mortgage:

- Current lease/mortgage or similar rental contract

Financial-related documents:

- Bank statement that contains images of cancelled personal checks dated within 60 days
- 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)

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:

- Auto insurance policy for current year
- Renter's insurance policy for current year
- Homeowner's insurance policy for current year

Alternative Residency Affidavit

- For applicants under the age of 18 only