

**Remember:** The May 7, 2025, deadline is fast approaching. Be sure to take the necessary steps to obtain a REAL ID-compliant license or an alternative acceptable form of identification to avoid any issues accessing military bases in the future.

# ARE YOU REAL ID READY?

## GET YOUR REAL ID BY **MAY 7, 2025**

Starting **MAY 7, 2025**, to board domestic flights and access certain federal and DOD facilities, your driver's license or state issued ID must be a REAL ID — or you'll need another acceptable form of identification.

### WHAT IS REAL ID?

It's the law. The REAL ID Act establishes minimum security standards for license issuance and production, and prohibits federal agencies from accepting — for certain purposes — identification cards from states not meeting the Act's minimum standards.

### WHAT DO I NEED A REAL ID FOR?

The purposes covered by the Act are boarding federally regulated commercial aircraft, accessing certain federal and DOD facilities, and entering nuclear power plants.

### HOW DO I KNOW IF MY DRIVER'S LICENSE IS A REAL ID?

REAL ID compliant driver's license or state issued ID cards will have one of the following markings on the upper top portion of the card. If the card does not have one of these markings, it is not a REAL ID and will not be accepted to board commercial aircraft or access certain federal and DOD facilities.



### HOW DO I GET A REAL ID?

Visit [tsa.gov/real-id](https://www.tsa.gov/real-id) and click on your state or territory to be directed to your local driver's licensing agency to find out what documentation is necessary and the appropriate steps to take to obtain one. At a minimum, you must present valid documents that provide proof of:

1. Full Legal Name
2. Date of Birth
3. Address of Principal Residence (2 Documents)
4. Lawful Status

States may impose additional requirements, so check with your state's driver's licensing agency website, before visiting in person, for additional guidance.

### LEARN ABOUT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF ID.

For a complete list of TSA acceptable identifications\*, go to [tsa.gov/id](https://www.tsa.gov/id).

### GET REAL ID CAMPAIGN MATERIALS.

To view and download REAL ID campaign materials, visit [tsa.gov/real-id](https://www.tsa.gov/real-id).

\*Applies to boarding commercial aircraft.



## REAL-ID REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFICATION FOR INSTALLATION ACCESS

The REAL ID Act, passed by Congress in 2005, establishes minimum security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards. It was enacted in response to the 9/11 Commission's recommendation to improve the reliability and accuracy of identification documents, making it more difficult for terrorists to obtain fake IDs.

**What are the implications of the REAL ID Act for accessing military bases?** The standard access requirements remain the same for active duty & dependents, DoD civilian personnel, DoD retired personnel & dependents under the age of 18, vetted veterans in possession of a Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC) and personnel that have been issued a Defense Biometric Identification Card (DBIDS) for NAVSTA Everett access.

Starting **May 7, 2025**, non-affiliated individuals requesting access will need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license or another acceptable form of identification to access NAVSTA Everett access. This applies to everyone, including the following: but not all inclusive:

- Vendors
- Dependents aged 18 and older
- Service Providers
- Veterans with service-connected disabilities
- Contractors
- Visitors (*includes visitors in same vehicle with CAC holder*)
- Transportation services (taxi, limo, ride share)
- Agent, Assist, Aid, Care Giver Letters
- Au Pairs, Child Care Providers

**What are acceptable alternative forms of identification for base access?** If you don't have a REAL ID-compliant driver's license, you can use one of the following:

- U.S. passport or passport card
- Military ID card (Common Access Card or CAC, DoD retired ID card)
- Permanent resident card (Green Card)
- Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC)
- Enhanced Driver's License (EDL)
- Other forms of identification accepted by the Department of Homeland Security

**How can I obtain a REAL ID-compliant license?** To obtain a REAL ID-compliant license, you'll need to visit your state's driver's license agency with the following documents:

- Proof of identity (e.g., birth certificate, passport)
- Proof of Social Security number (e.g., Social Security card)
- Two proofs of residency (e.g., utility bills, bank statements)

**Note:** The specific requirements for Washington are provided at the following website: <https://dol.wa.gov/driver-licenses-and-permits/enhanced-driver-license-edl>. It's best to check the website for the most up-to-date information. You can find a link to your state's DMV here: <https://www.dhs.gov/real-id>

### Addressing Potential Concerns:

- **"This is just another hassle!":** While it may seem like an extra step, the REAL ID Act is intended to enhance national security and make it more difficult for individuals to assume false identities.
- **"What if I can't get my documents together in time?":** There is still time to obtain the necessary documents and upgrade your license. Don't wait until the last minute. Start gathering your documents now.
- **"What about privacy concerns?":** The REAL ID Act has sparked debate about data privacy. However, the information required for a REAL ID-compliant license is generally already collected by state DMVs.