

# Are you REAL ID Ready?

## Get Ready for the October 1, 2020 Deadline



Beginning October 1, 2020, a traditional driver's license will no longer be accepted through airport security. **All passengers on domestic flights will be required to present REAL ID-compliant identification or an acceptable alternative at airport security.**

### What is REAL ID?

Passed by Congress in 2005, the REAL ID Act set minimum security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards and prohibits federal agencies, like TSA, from accepting licenses and identification cards from states that do not meet these standards.

### How Can I Tell if my ID is REAL ID-compliant?

REAL ID-compliant 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 REAL ID-compliant and won't be accepted as proof of identity in order to board commercial aircraft.



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### How do I get a REAL ID-compliant Driver's License?

You will need to visit your state DMV in person. Check with your state DMV in advance and gather the required documentation before you arrive. There is no reason to wait for your current license to expire.

### What alternatives can I present to airport security if I do not have a REAL ID-compliant Driver's License?

Acceptable alternatives include a **U.S. passport or passport card**, a **U.S. Military ID**, a **DHS trusted traveler card** (Global Entry, NEXUS, SENTRI, FAST), or an **enhanced driver's license** (MI, MN, NY, VT and WA). For more information on acceptable forms of identification for boarding aircraft, please visit TSA's website.



### When will my state start issuing REAL ID-compliant Driver's Licenses?

DHS is working closely with all states and territories to provide assistance and guidance to achieve full compliance by the October 1, 2020 deadline. As of September 5, 2019, 50 states and territories are fully compliant with the REAL ID requirements, and all states are on track to begin issuing compliant licenses and IDs by the October 1, 2020 deadline.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
**DHS.gov/real-id or TSA.gov/real-id**