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

- U.S. Passport or Passport Card
- Original or certified version of U.S. Birth Certificate (must be issued from municipality and have a raised seal – hospital certificates are not accepted)
  - Puerto Rican Birth Certificate must be issued after July 1, 2010
- 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 the 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 license/ID only)
- Refugee Travel Document Form I-571 (for Standard license/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 driver’s license/ID card, a proof of name change document is not required.

Go to Mass.Gov/ID for more information.
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.

☐ SSN card (cannot be laminated)
☐ W-2 Form that displays 9-digit SSN
☐ SSA-1099 Form that displays 9-digit SSN
☐ Non-SSA-1099 Form that displays 9-digit SSN
☐ Pay stub that displays 9-digit SSN
☐ SSN Denial Notice issued by SSA with Passport, Visa, and I-94 (dated within 60 days)

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

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