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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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Passport or Passport Card<input type="checkbox"/> Original or certified version of U.S. Birth Certificate (must be issued from municipality and have a raised seal – hospital certificates are not accepted)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Puerto Rican Birth Certificate must be issued after July 1, 2010<input type="checkbox"/> Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA) issued by the Department of State Form FS-240, DS-1350, FS-545<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Resident Card issued by Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Form I-551<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary I-551 stamp in Foreign Passport<input type="checkbox"/> Employment Authorization Document (EAD) issued by Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Form I-766, or Form I-668B <p><i>NOTE: All immigration documents must show a valid continuous 12-month stay in the U.S.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Passport with a valid U.S. visa affixed<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Citizenship issued by Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Form N-560 or Form N-561<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Naturalization Form N-550 or N-570<input type="checkbox"/> Re-Entry Permit Form I-327 (for Standard license/ID only)<input type="checkbox"/> Refugee Travel Document Form I-571 (for Standard license/ID only) |
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For Standard ID

Check One

For REAL ID

Check One

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.

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PROOF OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

For REAL ID



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- 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.

For Standard ID



Check One

For REAL ID



Check Two

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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