REAL ID

Starting May 1, 2014, DC DMV began issuing driver licenses and identification cards that comply with the Federal Government's REAL ID Act security standards. District of Columbia residents who need to renew their credential, as well as obtain a duplicate to replace one that has been lost or stolen, have a change of address, or name change, are required to do so in-person at a DC DMV Service Center.

In doing so, DC DMV will revalidate Proof of Identity, Proof of DC Residency, and Proof of Social Security Number. First-time DC residents will also be required to bring in the source documents for revalidation. A REAL ID driver license or identification card is valid for up to eight years.

Existing credentials are valid until their expiration date. Once they expire, residents will need to renew their driver license or identification card in-person and bring in the acceptable documentation. The list of acceptable documents is available on DC DMV's website at **dmv.dc.gov**.

Service Center Locations

GEORGETOWN SERVICE CENTER
3222 M Street, NW
Canal Level
Washington, DC 20007

BENNING RIDGE SERVICE CENTER
4525 Benning Road, SE
Washington, DC 20019

RHODE ISLAND SERVICE CENTER
(Located in Rhode Island Row)
2350 Washington Place, NE
Suite 112N
Washington, DC 20018

SOUTHWEST SERVICE CENTER
95 M Street, SW
Washington, DC 20024

DC Department of Motor Vehicles
District of Columbia Government
PO Box 90120
Washington, DC 20090
311 or (202)737-4404, The Citywide Call Center
dmv.dc.gov • dmv@dc.gov

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FAQ'S

1. What is "REAL ID"?

REAL ID is a coordinated effort by US jurisdictions and the Federal Government to improve the reliability and accuracy of driver licenses and identification cards which should inhibit terrorists' ability to evade detection by using fraudulent identification. REAL ID implements a 9/11 Commission recommendation urging the Federal Government to "set standards for the issuance of sources of identification, such as driver licenses."

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is implementing REAL ID through a period of phased enforcement over the next several years. In particular, the date for implementing the prohibition on boarding aircraft travel will be set after an evaluation of earlier phases and will not occur sooner than 2016.

2. What does REAL ID require?

The REAL ID Act of 2005 establishes minimum standards for the production and issuance of driver licenses and identification cards. The Act also prohibits federal agencies from accepting for official uses driver licenses and identification cards from jurisdictions unless the DHS determines the jurisdiction meets the standards. Official uses are defined as accessing federal facilities, entering nuclear power plants and boarding federally-regulated commercial aircrafts.

3. Is REAL ID a national identification card?

No. REAL ID is not a national identification card. US jurisdictions will continue to issue driver licenses and identification cards, and there is no federal database of driver information. Each jurisdiction will issue its own unique license and maintain its own records.

4. How is a REAL ID credential different from DC DMV's current credential?

In addition to a REAL ID requiring DC DMV to revalidate your proof of identity, proof of social security number and proof of residence, it will also have a star in the upper right hand corner of the credential. Other than these items, it will look the same as DC DMV's current credential.

5. Does REAL ID affect both driver licenses and identification cards?

Yes, it affects ALL driver licenses, permits, and identification cards issued by DC DMV.

6. Will I have to do anything different to apply for, renew or replace (i.e., obtain a duplicate) my current driver license, permit, or identification card in order to obtain a REAL ID credential?

Yes. The documents for verifying your proof of identity, proof of social security number and proof of address have to be resubmitted and revalidated. However, your existing DC DMV credential will remain valid until its expiration date and will be accepted for federal purposes (such as entering federal buildings and boarding airplanes).

7. Why can't I renew or replace (i.e., obtain a duplicate) my driver license or identification card or change my address using DC DMV's online or by mail services?

In order to issue you a REAL ID credential, we must revalidate your identity, social security number and address. Therefore, you will not be able to use the online or by mail services until you possess a REAL ID credential as indicated by the star in the upper right hand corner.

8. Are other states issuing REAL ID credentials?

As of April 1, 2014, 21 jurisdictions are REAL ID compliant. The remaining US jurisdictions have received renewable extensions through October 10, 2014.

9. Will TSA accept identity documents other than driver licenses/identification cards?

Yes. TSA currently accepts other forms of identity documents such as a passport and will continue to do so.

Update Your Address

When you move, you are required to notify DC DMV of your current address within five days. For more detailed information, visit DMV's website at http://dmv.dc.gov/node/152582.

DC DMV
Attn: Change of Address
PO Box 90120
Washington, DC 20090

Name Change

If your name has changed, and your credential needs updating, you must first change or correct your name with the Social Security Administration (SSA). Once complete, bring the required documents, which are listed on DC DMV's website at http://dmv.dc.gov/service/name-changes-and-corrections, to a DC DMV Service Center.

Organ Donor

If you have chosen to be an organ donor, your credential will have a double heart symbol on the lower right-hand side.

Veteran Indicator

Veterans who provide DC DMV with the required documentation can have VETERAN embedded on their credential.

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