The DC DMV issues a federally compliant driver license and identification card which is called “REAL ID”. Therefore, you need to find out what documents to **COLLECT** and **BRING** with you so you can **SECURE** your new REAL ID driver license or REAL ID identification card. The REAL ID driver license and REAL ID identification card replaces our current driver license/identification card and requires a one-time re-validation of source documents when you obtain a first-time DC credential, renew your DC credential or obtain a duplicate credential (for lost, stolen, correction or address changes). **The REAL ID credential has a star in the upper right-hand corner.**

Note: You cannot use the same document to verify your proof of identity, proof of ability to drive, proof of social security number or proof of residence. You must have a separate document for each category. DC DMV will NOT accept documents that are not listed to satisfy a category.

**REAL ID Proof of Identity – Full Legal Name and Date of Birth and Lawful Presence:** You must provide ONE (1) original source document from the list below. The documents must list your full legal name and date of birth.  
**Note:** Document source **may not** be used as Proof of Lawful Presence.

- Unexpired US Passport or Passport Card
- US Birth Certificate or Birth Certification Card filed with a state office of vital statistics
- Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA) issued by the US Department of State
- Unexpired Permanent Resident Card
- Certificate of Naturalization
- Certificate of US Citizenship
- Unexpired Foreign Passport with accompanying Visa**
- Unexpired Employment Authorization Card**
- REAL ID Driver License, Learner Permit, or Identification Card**
- Letter with picture from Court Services and Offender Supervisor Agency (CSOSA), DC Department of Corrections (DC DOC) or US Probation Office certifying name, date of birth, Social Security number, and address (for ID card only). This is known as a CSOSA and DC DOC sole source document. This is an exception process that may only be used to receive a 6-month identification card if none of the other acceptable documents is available. After the initial 6 months, CSOSA and DC DOC applicants will be required to undergo a re-validation process and provide acceptable source documents, excluding the original CSOSA or DC DOC sole source document (i.e., CSOSA and DC DOC sole source document will not be an acceptable document to use for re-validation after the 6-months ID card has expired).

**REAL ID Proof of Lawful Presence - To obtain a the federally compliant “REAL ID” driver license or identification card you will need documentation showing United States citizenship or lawful presence as required by federal law.**

**US Citizens**

- Unexpired US Passport or Passport Card; US Birth Certificate or Birth Certification Card filed with a state office of vital statistics; Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA) issued by the US Department of State; Certificate of Naturalization; or Certificate of US Citizenship

**Non-US Citizens**

Proof of Name Change (Marriage, Divorce or Legal Court Order) - You must provide ONE (1) original document listed below: If previously married, please provide your divorce decree and the current certified marriage certificate.

- Certified Marriage Certificate (name change due to marriage)
- Divorce Decree (name change due to divorce)
- Official US Court Change of Name document (name change due to legal court order)

Proof of Social Security Number - You must provide ONE (1) original document listed below. Computer printouts for online pay statements, W-2s, 1099s, etc., are considered original.

- Social Security Card bearing applicant's name, SSN, and signature
- Pay statement reflecting full name and full SSN
- W-2 (wage and tax statement) reflecting full name and full SSN
- 1099 Form reflecting full name and full SSN

Proof of Current District of Columbia Residency - You must provide TWO (2) of the documents listed below that are not from the same Business, Company, or Agency (in which the address matches EXACTLY on both documents) to satisfy proof of current District of Columbia residency. DC DMV will NOT accept documents that are not listed below to satisfy proof of DC residency (P.O. Boxes not acceptable). Computer printouts for online bills are considered original.

- Utility bill (water, gas, electric, oil, or cable), with name and address, issued within the last 60 days (disconnect notices/bills are not accepted)
- Telephone bill (cell phone, wireless, or pager bills acceptable), reflecting applicant's name and current address, issued within the last 60 days (disconnect notices/bills are not accepted)
- Deed, mortgage, or settlement agreement reflecting applicant's name and property address
- Unexpired lease or rental agreement with the name of the applicant listed as the lessee, permitted resident, or renter (may be a photocopy). The unexpired lease or rental agreement must be signed by all parties.
- Unexpired Sublease accompanied by the original unexpired Lease with the name of the certifier as sub-lessee
- DC property tax bill or tax assessment issued within the last 12 months reflecting the applicant's name and property address.
- Unexpired homeowner's or renter's insurance policy reflecting name and address
- **Letter with picture from Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) or DC Department of Corrections (DC DOC) certifying name and DC residency issued within the last 60 days
- DC DMV proof of residency form signed by the certifier residing at the residence AND a copy of the certifier's unexpired DC Driver license or DC identification card AND 2 proof of residency documents (i.e., utility bill, telephone bill, etc.) in the certifier's name.
- Bank/credit union/credit card/investment account statement issued within the last 60 days reflecting name and address
- Official mail—received from ANY government agency (with full name and address) to include contents and envelope received within the last 60 days, excluding mail from DC DMV. DC DMV does not accept change of address forms from the United States Postal Service.
- **DC DMV-approved form from certified social service provider issued within the last 60 days
- Medical bill issued within the last 60 days reflecting name and address. An Explanation of Benefits is not a medical bill and will not be accepted.
- Student loan statement issued within the last 60 days reflecting name and address
- Home line of equity statement issued within the last 60 days reflecting name and address
- Car/personal loan statement (no coupon books/vouchers accepted) issued within the last 60 days reflecting name and address
- Home security system bill issued within the last 60 days reflecting name and address
- Letter on official letterhead issued by DC Universities and Colleges reflecting the customer's name and address issued within the last 60 days

If you are issued a REAL ID credential that has a modified expiration date that is less than 8 years, the credential will be marked "Temporary." Documents that are altered, counterfeit, torn, taped, laminated, erased, whitened out, etc., are not originals and are not accepted by DC DMV.