



Homeland Security

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Dear Colonel Edmonson:

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is granting the State of Louisiana an extension, through October 10, 2016, to meet the standards of the *REAL ID Act of 2005* (REAL ID Act) and its implementing regulation. For the duration of this extension, Federal agencies may accept Louisiana-issued driver's licenses and identification cards for official purposes in accordance with the phased enforcement schedule and existing agency policies.

The Department recognizes your efforts in enhancing the security of your jurisdiction's driver's licenses and identification cards and has granted this extension based on a review of the information provided. For your convenience, enclosed is a list of regulatory provisions that Louisiana currently meets, and the provisions that remain outstanding based on this review.

At any time, Louisiana may submit a compliance package for DHS review in accordance with the procedures set forth in the regulations.

If Louisiana requests further extensions in the future, upon the time of request, please provide the Department with information regarding Louisiana's progress towards meeting any outstanding requirements; reasons for any unmet standards; and when the State will seek a determination of compliance from the Department.

Extensions are renewable at the discretion of the Secretary of Homeland Security. Extensions are not an alternative to compliance with the REAL ID Act. They are intended to provide additional time to jurisdictions with outstanding requirements. Failure to document plans to satisfy any outstanding requirements may affect future extension requests.

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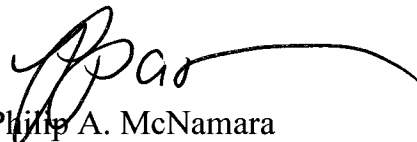
Please do not hesitate to contact DHS's Office of State Issued Identification Support at (202) 447-3871 if you have any questions or comments about this extension. For all other homeland security matters, you may contact the DHS Office of Intergovernmental Affairs at (202) 282-9310.

We look forward to continuing to work with you on this and other homeland security issues.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security Findings

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I. Based on the information provided, the State of Louisiana indicates it is meeting the following provisions of the regulation:

§ 37.05(a) Issues REAL ID DL/ID cards valid for a period not to exceed eight years.

§ 37.11(b) Has each applicant sign a declaration under penalty of perjury that the information presents is true and correct, and the State must retain this declaration.

§ 37.11(c) Requires individuals to present at least one of the source documents listed in subsections (i) through (x) when establishing identity.

§ 37.11(d)-(g) Requires documentation of:

- Date of birth
- Social Security Number
- Address of principal residence
- Evidence of lawful status

§ 37.11(h) Has a documented exceptions process that meets the requirements established in 37.11(h)(1)-(3)(If States choose to have such a process).

Louisiana does not have an exception process.

§ 37.11(i) Takes sufficient steps in issuing REAL ID DL/ID cards to safeguard the identities of persons identified in section 37.11(i).

§ 37.13(a) Makes reasonable efforts to ensure that applicant do not have more than one DL or ID already issued by that state under a different identity.

§ 37.13(b)(1) Verifies lawful status through the Systematic Alien Verification of Entitlements (SAVE) or another method approved by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

§ 37.13(b)(2) Verifies Social Security account number with the Social Security Administration.

§ 37.13(b)(3) Verifies birth certificates

§ 37.13(b)(4) Verifies U.S. passports.

§ 37.13(b)(5) Verifies REAL ID driver's licenses and identification cards with the State of issuance.

§ 37.15(a)(1) Includes document security features on REAL ID DL/ID cards that are not capable of being reproduced using technologies that are commonly used and made available to the general public.

§ 37.15(b) Issues DL and IDs that contain Level 1, 2, and 3 integrated security features.

§ 37.15(d) Conducts reviews and submits a report to DHS on card design and ability of the card to resist forgery and counterfeiting.

§ 37.17(a)-(l) Includes the following printed information in Latin alphanumeric characters on the surface of cards:

- Full legal name
- Date of birth
- Gender
- Unique DL/ID number
- Full facial digital photograph
- Address of principal residence
- Signature
- Date of issuance
- Expiration date
- State or territory of issuance

§ 37.19 (a)-(j) Includes all of the information on the face of the card in the PDF-417 Machine Readable Zone of the card.

§ 37.21 Issues to individuals with temporary lawful status, temporary or limited-term licenses that expire at the end of the applicant's authorized stay in the United States, or if there is no expiration date, after one year.

Prior to renewing temporary or limited-term driver's license or identification cards, requires applicants to:

Present valid documentary evidence that their qualification is still in effect or that they have qualified for another lawful status.

Verify information presented through SAVE, or another method approved by DHS.

§ 37.21(e) Temporary or limited-term driver's licenses and identification cards must clearly indicate on the face of the license and in the machine readable zone that the license or card is a temporary or limited term driver's license or identification card.

§ 37.23(b) Conducts remote re-issuance in accordance with section 37.13 verification procedures, (excluding re-issuance of duplicate cards).

§ 37.23(c) Requires in person re-issuance when there is any material change in personally identifiable information since prior issuance, as defined in § 37.03. Such information shall be verified as specified in 37.13.

§ 37.25(a)(1)-(3) Prior to renewing a REAL ID DL/ID:

Takes an updated photograph of all holders of REAL ID driver's license and identification cards no less frequently than every 16 years.

Re-verifies applicant's Social Security Number and lawful status, as well as information it was unable to verify at previous issuances or renewals because systems or processes did not exist.

- § 37.25(b)(1) If remote REAL ID renewals are permitted:
Re-verifies applicant's information through SAVE and Social Security Online Verification (SSOLV) (or other methods approved by DHS).
- § 37.25(b)(2) Prohibits remote renewal of REAL ID DL/ID when there is a material change in personally identifiable information, as defined in §37.03.
- §37.31(a)(1)-(3) Retains copies of the application, declaration & source documents. Paper copies and microfiche must be retained for seven years. Digital images must be retained for a minimum of 10 years.
- §37.31(b)(1)-(3) If digital imaging is used to retain source documents:
Stores photo images in a JPEG-compatible format.
Stores document and signature images that are compressed in Tagged Image Format (TIF) or comparable standard.
Requires all images are to be retrievable by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) if properly requested by law enforcement.
- § 37.33(a)-(b) Maintains a DMV database containing, at a minimum, items identified in 37.33(a)(1)-(4).
- § 37.41 Has a documented security plan for DMV operations.
- § 37.41(b)(2) Has protections in place that ensures the security of personally identifiable information.
- § 37.41 (b)(4) Implements documented procedures for controlling access to facilities and systems involved in the enrollment, manufacture, production and issuance of DL/IDs.

§ 37.41(b)(5) Requires all employees handling source documents or issuing DL or IDs to attend and complete the American Association of Motor Vehicles Administrators approved (or equivalent) fraudulent document recognition training and security awareness training.

§ 37.43 Ensures the physical security of locations where driver's licenses and identification cards are manufactured or produced, and the security of document materials and papers of which such cards are produced.

§ 37.45 Conducts name-based and fingerprint-based criminal history and employment eligibility checks on employees in covered positions or an alternative procedure approved by DHS.

II. Based on the information provided, the State of Louisiana indicates it is not meeting the following provisions of the regulation:

§ 37.11(a) Subjects each applicant to a mandatory facial image capture and retain such image even if a driver license (DL) or identification card (ID) is not issued.

Louisiana is in the process of developing this capability.

§ 37.11(e) and (f) Requires documentation of:

Social Security Number
Address of principal residence

Louisiana currently obtains the SSN on driver's license applications and is currently clarifying their policy to coincide to the statutory requirement for the collection of the SSN on identification cards.

§ 37.17 (n) Commits to marking fully compliant DL and IDs with a DHS-approved security marking.

§ 37.29 Does not permit an individual to hold more than one REAL ID document, and no more than one DL.

§ 37.51 Commits to be in full compliance with Subparts A through D.

§ 37.55 Submits Final Certification package.

§ 37.71(a)(1) If the State chooses to issue both compliant and noncompliant documents, clearly state on the face of the noncompliant document and in the machine readable zone that the card is not acceptable for official purposes and incorporates a unique design or color indicator that clearly distinguishes them from compliant licenses and identification cards.