Both a REAL ID and NON-REAL ID driver’s license or identification card will allow you to enter federal facilities that do not require you to present identification (such as a post office), vote or register to vote, apply for or receive Federal or State benefits, to drive (valid driver’s licenses only; NOT identification cards), access health or life preserving services (including hospitals and health clinics), law enforcement, or constitutionally protected activities (including a defendant’s access to court proceedings), and participate in law enforcement proceedings or investigations.

Visitors seeking access to military bases and almost all Federal facilities using their state-issued driver’s licenses or identification cards must present proper identification issued by REAL ID compliant states or a state that has received an extension. When planning a visit to a Federal facility or military base, visitors should contact the facility to determine what identification will be accepted.

Starting October 1, 2020, every air traveler will need a REAL ID-compliant license, or another acceptable form of identification, for domestic air travel.

A REAL ID driver’s license or identification card will display a gold circle with a star cutout.

A NON-REAL ID driver’s license or identification card will display “NOT FOR FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION”.

A REAL ID driver’s license or identification card does not contain any additional electronic technology.

### REAL ID

All first time applicants for a REAL ID driver's license or identification card are required to submit certain documents, even if you have previously been issued a driver’s license or identification card. Images of the submitted documents will be maintained with the Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles. You are required to submit:

1. One primary document and two secondary documents to prove your identity (who you are).
   Commonly used primary and secondary documents are:
   - Original or Certified copy of birth certificate issued by a U.S. government (primary)
   - Unexpired U.S. passport (primary)
   - Permanent Resident Card (primary)
   - Social Security Card (secondary)
   - Voter Registration Card (secondary)

2. Documents proving your Legal Presence in the United States (your right to be here). Commonly used legal presence documents are:
   - Original or Certified copy of birth certificate issued by a U.S. government
   - An unexpired foreign passport, which includes Arrival/Departure Record (I-94, CBP I-94A or I-797A) with appropriate entry endorsement.

3. Social security card or a letter obtained from the Social Security Administration stating a social security number is unable to be assigned based on legal presence status.

4. At least two documents verifying your home address.

### NON-REAL ID

The requirements for obtaining a NON-REAL ID driver’s license or identification card slightly differ from a REAL ID. Please see below:

1. Applicants are required to provide the same types of documentation to prove identity (who you are) as for a REAL ID. If the applicant has a Louisiana driver’s license or identification card with a photo clearly identifying the applicant additional documentation is not required. Submitted documents will not be scanned, copied nor maintained with the Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles unless requested by the applicant and written consent is provided.

2. Only first time applicants and applicants in the U.S. on a limited term basis are required to provide legal presence (your right to be in the country) documentation.

3. A Social Security card or letter from the Social Security Administration is required for a driver’s license. It is not required for an Identification card.

4. At least two documents verifying your home address are required for first time application or when changing your address.

**NOTE:** APPLICANTS APPLYING FOR A REAL ID OR NON-REAL ID DRIVER’S LICENSE MAY BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BASED ON THEIR AGE AND THE CLASS OF LICENSE.

Please visit [www.expresslane.org](http://www.expresslane.org) for a list of acceptable documents.

Additional information may be obtained by visiting [www.expresslane.org](http://www.expresslane.org) or contacting the Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles at (225)925-6146.

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