How can I get a REAL ID?
If you decide that a REAL ID is right for you, you have three options for obtaining one:

- **Apply online** (pre-verified customers only)
- **Visit any PennDOT Driver License Center** to have your documents verified and imaged, receive your REAL ID in the mail within 15 business days
- **Visit a REAL ID Center** statewide to have your documents verified and imaged, receive your REAL ID at the time of service. To find a REAL ID Center near you, go to www.PennDOT.gov/REALID, and click on "REAL ID Center Locations."

Where can I go to learn more?
To get the most up-to-date, accurate information about REAL ID in Pennsylvania, visit PennDOT.gov/REALID.

Visit our website to learn more about REAL ID and decide if it is right for you. You will find detailed information about what documents you need to present, and answers to frequently asked questions about REAL ID.

For additional information about REAL ID from the federal Department of Homeland Security, visit www.dhs.gov and search for "REAL ID."

For a complete list of identification accepted by TSA, visit www.tsa.gov and search for "Identification."

**Things to Remember:**

Individual federal facilities—including military installations—may have different security measures and accepted forms of identification may vary. Contact the facility in advance of your visit to learn what forms of ID will be accepted.

You will still need a valid passport to travel internationally.

After October 1, 2020, you will need a REAL ID (or another TSA-approved form of ID) to board a commercial flight, even within the U.S.

Learn more at: www.PennDOT.gov/REALID

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**Pre-Verify Online!**

If you received your **FIRST** Pennsylvania driver’s license, learner’s permit or photo ID card AFTER September 1, 2003, PennDOT may already have your REAL ID documentation on file.

To find out if your required REAL ID documents are on file with PennDOT, visit www.PennDOT.gov/REALID.

If PennDOT confirms that your documents are on file, you can order your REAL ID online — no need to visit a driver’s license center!
What is REAL ID?
The REAL ID Act is a federal law that affects how states issue driver’s licenses and ID cards if they are going to be acceptable for federal purposes, such as boarding a domestic commercial flight, or entering a military installation or federal facility that requires ID.

Beginning October 1, 2020, Pennsylvanians will need a REAL ID-compliant license, identification card or another form of federally-acceptable identification (such as a valid passport or military ID) to:
- Board domestic commercial flights
- Enter a military base
- Enter a federal facility that requires ID at the door

Do I have to get a REAL ID?
No. REAL ID is optional for Pennsylvania residents. You will be able to get either a REAL ID driver’s license or identification card, or a standard driver’s license or identification card.

If you do not get a REAL ID, you must have an alternate form of federally-acceptable identification (valid passport, military ID, etc.) to board domestic commercial flights and enter certain federal facilities after October 1, 2020.

How do I prepare to get a REAL ID?
The best thing you can do to prepare for REAL ID is to get your documents together.
Federal regulations require that PennDOT must verify original versions or certified copies of the following documents before issuing a REAL ID:
- Proof of identity
  Original or certified copy of a U.S. birth certificate with a raised seal, issued by an authorized government agency, or valid U.S. Passport.
- Proof of Social Security number
  Social Security card.
- Two proofs of current, physical PA address
  Examples: Current, unexpired PA license or ID and a no more than 90-day-old bank statement or current PA vehicle registration, auto insurance card or utility bill showing utility bill with the same name and address.
- Proof of all legal name changes, if applicable
  Certified Marriage certificate, court order or divorce decree issued by your county’s family court.
If you are a lawfully present non-U.S. citizen, acceptable documents include:
- Valid Unexpired Permanent Resident Card: 1-551 (Green Card) Issued by DHS or INS
- Valid Unexpired Foreign Passport with a Valid Visa, and an I-94
- Machine-readable Immigrant Visa

For additional information on REAL ID documentation requirements and to download our printable document checklist, visit www.PennDOT.gov/REALID and click “Document Check.”

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