

This is not legal advice. Please consult an attorney about your particular situation.

WHAT IS REAL ID?

The REAL ID Act requires two things:

- MVA create licenses that are hard to tamper with
- Individual must provide required documents to prove their identity
 - You must prove your age, identity and where you live

It can be confusing whether you are REAL ID compliant or not. If you haven't provided documentation to the MVA, then you likely aren't compliant. You can check your REAL ID status here:

<http://www.mva.maryland.gov/realid/realidlookup.html>

Figuring out what date you need to comply by can be challenging.

- In order to use your driver's license at an airport or to enter a federal facility, you will need to have your REAL ID by May 3, 2023.
- If your driver's license is set to expire by May 3rd 2023, you will need to provide the necessary documents for REAL ID before then. After May 3rd 2023 your identification will be recalled.
- If your driver's license is set to expire after May 3rd 2023 you can wait to become REAL ID compliant until your expiration date, but you won't be able to use your driver's license for use at an airport or federal facility.

If you're not REAL ID compliant by either May 3rd 2023 or on your expiration date, your license or ID card will be recalled. If pulled over by the police your license will be taken and you risk fines for driving without a valid license.

HOW DO YOU BECOME REAL ID COMPLIANT?

Acceptable documents:

- Age and identity (two documents required):
 - Birth certificate
 - Passport
 - Original social security card
 - Tax documents like a W-2 or 1099 form that includes your social security number
- Residency (two documents required):
 - Can include things like vehicle registration card, bank account statement, lease, or utility bill.
 - For a full list of acceptable documents, check here:
<http://license.mva.maryland.gov/CheckList/default.aspx>

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If you're an older adult –

- A birth registration or a certificate of live birth is not acceptable. If using this documentation option, make sure it's actually a birth certificate.
- Alternative documents accepted **only** for older adults –
 - Military discharge forms bearing a full name and date of birth
 - Social Security Administration Benefits Summary bearing your name and date of birth

If you've legally changed your name –

- You must submit documents showing proof of the name change
- If you've changed your name through marriage
 - You must provide a birth certificate with the original name, and a marriage certificate produced showing the name change.
 - A valid passport with your married name can be used instead of a marriage certificate.

If your documents don't all match –

- If the documents you will use to prove your age and identity don't all match, they will not be accepted.
 - For example, the name on your birth certificate and social security card must be exactly the same
 - If they don't match, you may have to go through the legal process of changing your name.

WHAT DOES REAL ID COST?

- If you have a REAL ID license, but only need to submit additional documents there is no fee
- Maryland residents whose license expires after May 3rd 2023, but go ahead and update to the REAL ID will be required to pay a \$20 duplicate license fee.

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