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Driver License and Identification Cards



2017 New Look New Security Features



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Exciting Changes to the Pennsylvania Driver's License and Identification Card

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is now issuing newly-redesigned driver's licenses and identification cards, which will be phased in over the next four years and will replace the old-style products.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation takes its responsibility to protect the identities and personal information of our customers very seriously. This redesign, with enhanced security features is an important part of that effort. Over the last 22 months, PennDOT has worked with MorphoTrust USA on planning, design and deployment of this major new security enhancement initiative. Some of the enhancements include:

- Elimination of the magnetic strip
- 1D and 2D Barcodes
- Laser Perforation

These new features improve fraud prevention and protection from counterfeiting and/or alteration.

This update is not related to the REAL ID Act.

PennDOT anticipates that REAL ID-compliant driver licenses and identification cards will be available at customer's option in 2019.

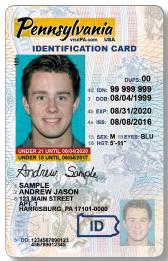


Laser Perforation - The Keystone outline with "PA" is embedded into the card stock. It can be observed by holding the card up to any light source.

Laminate - Each card is laminated with an optically variable pattern with the state motto "Virtue Liberty Independence", Keystone outline, and the year when the U.S. Constitution was ratified by Pennsylvania (1787).

Portrait - A larger primary portrait with a smaller ghost portrait ensuring customer appearance is clearly reflected.









Barcodes - The 2D Barcode contains information from the front of the card, unique to the cardholder.

