Do you have all the documents you’ll need to get a REAL ID? Use this checklist to ensure that you have the proper documents to bring to the Driver License Center.

PROOF OF IDENTITY

You will need to provide ONE document proving your identity and your lawful status in the United States when applying for a REAL ID. The most common documents you can use to prove your identity are:

If you are a U.S. citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident, acceptable documents include:

- Certified copy of a birth certificate filed with the State Office of Vital Statistics with a raised/embossed seal
- A valid, unexpired, U.S. Passport or Passport Card
- Certificate of U.S. Citizenship (USCIS Form N-560 or Form N-561)
- Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA) issued by the U.S. Department of State, Form FS-240, DS-Form1350 or FS-Form 545
- Certificate of Naturalization issued by DHS; Form N-550 or N-570
- Unexpired Employment Authorization Card, (EAD) issued by DHS; Forms I-766 or Form 1-688B
- Valid, Unexpired Permanent Resident Card I-551 (Green Card) Issued by DHS or INS
- Unexpired foreign passport with a valid unexpired US visa affixed, accompanied by the approved I-94 indicating temporary evidence of Permanent Residence

Some non-US Citizens may be required to provide additional documentation.

PROOF OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

You must present your social security card when applying for a REAL ID. Your card must be original.

- Social Security Card

PROOF OF YOUR PENNSYLVANIA RESIDENCY

You will need to provide TWO documents to prove your Pennsylvania residency when applying for a REAL ID. Select which residency documents you will bring to the Driver License Center.

- Current, unexpired PA driver’s license or photo ID card
- PA vehicle registration card
- Auto insurance card
- A computer-generated utility bill showing your name and address (cellphone, cable, electric, gas)
- Post-marked mail/package labels through USPS, UPS, FedEx etc.
- A W-2 form/pay stub
- Lease agreements or mortgage documents

PROOF OF LEGAL NAME, DATE OF BIRTH AND/OR GENDER DESIGNATION CHANGE (if applicable)

If your current legal name, date of birth, or gender designation is different from the information on your birth certificate or legal status document, you must show legal proof of the change. Please note: If you are using a passport as your proof of identity and your passport reflects your current name, YOU DO NOT NEED TO SHOW PROOF OF NAME CHANGE.

For a name or date of birth change, acceptable documents include:

- Certified marriage certificate(s), for each marriage to track name changes, issued by the county court (Clerk of Orphans Court, Register of Wills etc.) in which the license was issued
- Court order(s) approving a change of legal name or date of birth
- Original or certified copy of an amended birth certificate showing a change of name

For a gender designation change, acceptable documents include:

- A certified, amended birth certificate with a raised seal
- A completed DL-32 form (PDF)