

REAL ID

REAL ID Facts for Customer Questions

Paper temporary IDs are not accepted by TSA for REAL ID purposes.

Customers should apply at least four weeks before any planned air travel. It takes 10–14 days for the permanent card to arrive by mail.

Original or certified name change documentation is required.

Customers must provide original or certified documentation for every name change since birth (e.g., marriage certificates, divorce decrees, court orders).

Do customers need documentation for all past name changes?

Yes—unless the customer provides a single document (e.g., REAL ID from another state, updated passport or court order) that clearly shows the connection between their primary identity document and the current name they want on their REAL ID.

Is a non-compliant REAL ID still valid?

Yes. An Oklahoma driver license or ID marked “Not for REAL ID purposes” is still a valid credential. It can be used for driving, voting and general identification, as applicable. It’s not a fake or invalid ID—it just isn’t accepted for federal purposes like boarding a commercial flight or entering certain federal buildings.

Can non-U.S. citizens get a REAL ID?

- ▶ Yes—lawfully present non-citizens are eligible. This includes:
- ▶ Lawful permanent residents (Green Card holders)
- ▶ DACA or TPS recipients
- ▶ Individuals with valid student or work visas
- ▶ Refugees and asylees

To qualify, they must provide proof of lawful status (e.g., visa, I-94), in addition to other standard REAL ID requirements.



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Unacceptable birth certificates include:

- ▶ Footprint keepsakes
- ▶ Hospital birth certificate or record
- ▶ Birth registration forms
- ▶ Abstracts of Birth, unless the abstract is issued on secure document paper and contain the following statement: "I hereby certify that this abstract of birth facts has been provided to this office by the Dept. of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, from a document officially in its custody."

Customers can request a new birth certificate by visiting the [Oklahoma State Dept. of Health website](#).

Is a military ID a REAL ID?

Yes. A valid military ID is accepted by TSA for air travel after the deadline. However, some may still choose to obtain a REAL ID on their state Driver License or ID card for convenience.

Is a tribal ID a substitute for a REAL ID?

TSA accepts IDs from federally recognized tribes. If your ID cannot be scanned by technology, you will be asked for a secondary ID that can be scanned. If you do not have a second ID, your Tribal ID will be inspected manually and cross-referenced with the Federal Register. Visit [Security Screening – Identification](#) for all acceptable forms of IDs. View a list of [federally recognized tribes here](#).

Does a REAL ID prove U.S. citizenship?

No. REAL ID verifies identity and legal presence, but it does not prove U.S. citizenship.

Can REAL ID be used for sea or cruise travel?

No, not for international cruises. Passports are still required for international sea travel.

What address will be printed on the REAL ID?

The customer's residential address. P.O. Boxes are not allowed on REAL ID-compliant cards unless



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they are an ACP card holder. If the customer receives mail at a P.O. Box, it can still be used for mailing the card but not as the printed address.

If I already have a REAL ID, can I renew it online?

Yes, we encourage customers who have a REAL ID to renew online and save time and travel to a location.

Does someone under the age of 18 have to have a Real ID for travel within the US?

No. TSA does not require children under 18 to present identification when traveling domestically with an accompanying adult. However, it's still recommended to issue a REAL ID to minors, since they are eligible to use two proofs of residency in their parent or legal guardian's name.

Can I expedite my REAL ID credential order?

REAL IDs cannot be expedited. Credentials typically arrive by mail within 10–14 days after your visit. We recommend applying for your REAL ID at least 30 days before any planned air travel to allow for delivery and avoid delays.

What happens if someone shows up at the airport without a REAL ID after the deadline?

TSA may deny entry or require additional screening if a passenger doesn't have a REAL ID or another acceptable form of ID, like a passport. If their REAL ID hasn't arrived by their travel date, TSA recommends arriving at least 3 hours early and bringing documents like a birth certificate, current Oklahoma credential and their paper temporary license (note: TSA will not accept the paper temporary as REAL ID proof).

For the latest TSA guidance or questions about TSA enforcement, we recommend that customers visit the [Department of Homeland Security REAL ID page](#) or [contact the Department](#).



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