



Department of  
**Safety &  
Homeland Security**

# TENNESSEE DRIVER SERVICES REAL ID REQUIREMENTS

*You must provide original or certified copies. Photocopies and screenshots are NOT accepted.*



## WHAT IS REAL ID?

A REAL ID is a federally compliant credential that may be required for certain federal purposes, including boarding domestic commercial flights and accessing certain federal facilities. You must provide specific documentation to obtain a REAL ID compliant credential.

## PROOF OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP OR LEGAL PRESENCE

- ☐ U.S. birth certificate from State office of Vital Statistics or equivalent with a raised and/or colored seal
- ☐ Valid, unexpired U.S. passport or passport card
- ☐ U.S. certificate of consular report of birth abroad (FS-240, DS-13250 or FS-545)
- ☐ Valid, unexpired Permanent Resident Card Issued by DHS or INS (I-551)
- ☐ Unexpired Employment Authorization Document issued by DHS (I-766 pr I-688B)
- ☐ Unexpired foreign passport with valid U.S. visa and approved I-94 form
- ☐ Certificate of Naturalization issued by DHS (N-550, N-570 or N-578)
- ☐ Certificate of Citizenship issued by DHS (N-560 or N-561)

## PROOF OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

IF YOUR NAME HAS CHANGED FROM WHAT IS PRINTED ON YOUR PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP, YOU MUST PROVIDE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION SUCH AS:

- ☐ Marriage Certificate(s)
- ☐ Divorce Decree(s)
- ☐ Certified Court Order

## PROOF OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

- ☐ Social Security Card
- ☐ Current W-2
- ☐ Current 1099
- ☐ Payroll Check Stub

*The full social security number must be printed on the proof provided.*

## TWO PROOFS OF TENNESSEE RESIDENCY

**Documents must show your name, complete physical Tennessee address and dated within the last 4 months.**

- ☐ Current Utility Bill (electric, water, gas, cable, internet, or landline phone)
- ☐ Bank Statement (checks and checkbook information are NOT acceptable)
- ☐ Mortgage contract/invoice or Deed of Sale
- ☐ Rental Lease Agreement accompanied by Landlord Letter (see notes below)
- ☐ IRS W-2 Form (within last 12 months)
- ☐ Automobile, Life or Health Insurance Policy
- ☐ Tennessee Driver License/ID (issued by the TN Department of Safety & Homeland Security)
- ☐ Tennessee Vehicle Registration or Title (may use one not both together)
- ☐ Tennessee Voter Registration Card
- ☐ Receipt for Personal Property or Real Estate Taxes (paid within last 12 months)

### Rental Lease Requirements

- ✓ Tenant's name
- ✓ Effective lease dates
- ✓ Rental address
- ✓ Signatures of both the tenant and landlord
- ✓ Lease terms (such as rent amount)

### Landlord Letter Requirements

- ✓ Must verify that the lease is current, valid and in effect
- ✓ Must be typed
- ✓ Must be on letterhead (or notarized if no letterhead)
- ✓ Must be dated within 30 days



## IMPORTANT NOTES

- ✓ All documents must be original or certified copies
- ✓ Photocopies and screenshots are not accepted
- ✓ All documents must be unexpired
- ✓ If your name is different on any document, you may be required to provide additional documents
- ✓ You may be required to provide additional documentation at the discretion of the Driver Services staff to meet state law requirements. If you are applying for a REAL ID but do not provide all required documentation, you will be issued a Standard (Non-REAL ID) credential if you present the necessary documents for the Standard credential.



Learn more about REAL  
ID at [www.tsa.gov/realid](http://www.tsa.gov/realid)



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# TENNESSEE DRIVER SERVICES REAL ID INFORMATION

*Your Choice. Your Identification.*

## Obtaining a REAL ID is optional.

When applying for a driver license, identification card, or permit, customers may choose either:



**REAL ID**

OR



**STANDARD  
(NON-REAL ID)**

Both credentials are valid forms of identification and adhere to the same technological standards for credentials.

## WHAT IS A REAL ID?



A REAL ID is a federally compliant identification credential that is required for certain federal purposes, including:

- ✓ Boarding domestic commercial flights
- ✓ Accessing certain federal facilities
- ✓ Other federally regulated purposes

If you do not use these services, you may choose a standard Tennessee credential instead.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION



### A REAL ID is not required for all purposes.

Customers who choose not to obtain a REAL ID can still complete their transaction and receive a standard Tennessee driver license or identification card.

You may also return at a later date to:

- ✓ Add a REAL ID designation
- ✓ Remove a REAL ID designation

*Applicable duplicate credential fees may apply.*

## BEFORE YOU DECIDE



**REAL ID**

- ✓ Federally compliant credential
- ✓ Accepted for domestic air travel
- ✓ Accepted for access to certain federal facilities



**STANDARD ID**

- ✓ Valid Tennessee Identification
- ✓ Valid Tennessee driving credential
- ✓ Available without REAL ID designation

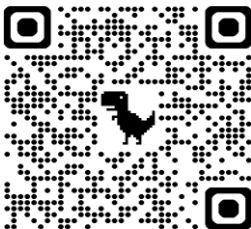


## CUSTOMER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

All applicants will be asked to sign a declaration indicating whether they are choosing a REAL ID or a STANDARD (Non-REAL ID) credential.



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or speak with a Driver  
Services representative.



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