

Federal Real ID Requirements

Important Information for Domestic Air Travelers

The Federal Real ID Act imposes stricter security requirements for state-issued driver's licenses and other forms of identification, and it will take effect on **October 1, 2020**. Once the Real ID Act is in place, every air traveler will need to provide Real ID-compliant identification in order to board domestic flights.

How do I know if I have a Real ID?

Check and see if the upper right corner of your license contains a star inside of a circle (or for California residents, a star on a golden bear). If it does, your license is certified as Real ID, and no further action is required. If you are unsure if your license is Real ID-compliant, please consult the Department of Homeland Security website at www.dhs.gov/real-id.

How do I obtain a Real ID?

You will need to go to your DMV and present an appropriate form of identification as defined by your state. For state-specific details, visit www.dhs.gov/real-id and select your state. You will be redirected to your state's DMV website where you can find further information.

What happens if I do not have Real ID after October 1, 2020?

Beginning on October 1, 2020, any individual with a driver's license that is not Real ID-compliant will need to present another acceptable form of identification, such as a valid U.S. passport, in order to board domestic flights.