Real ID in Oregon

As of October 1, 2020, Oregonians will need to show a different form of ID to get through airport security. That is when the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will stop accepting your current Oregon driver license or ID card.

You can apply for a passport today, and you should use your passport book or card when traveling. For those who prefer using a state-issued card, Oregon will begin offering a Real ID compliant card on July 6, 2020.

If you possess an Oregon driver license or ID card today, you will find the process of getting a Real ID is very similar to what you experienced after 2008. The federal law requires that identity, age, and residency documents be scanned by DMV, so you need to bring those documents again when you apply for a Real ID. DMV has online tools to help you determine if you need a Real ID, and if you do, what documents you must provide if you choose to apply. Visit Oregon.gov/realid to learn more.
DMV anticipates that almost a million Oregonians will choose to apply for a U.S. passport or state-issued Real ID card. With just a three-month window between when the Real ID compliant cards becomes available and the federal enforcement deadline, you need to plan ahead and choose the best option.

You can create a checklist online of the documents you will need to provide if you decide to get a Real ID compliant driver license or ID card. Some things, like a certified birth certificate, can take time to get if you no longer have one, so knowing ahead of time what documents to bring with you is important.

**Why start issuing Real ID in 2020?**

Signed into law in 2005, the federal Real ID Act established national standards for state-issued IDs intended to increase the integrity of personal identities and enhance security.

In 2009, Oregon adopted SB 536. This law prohibited state agencies from spending money to comply with the Real ID Act. Like many other states, Oregon had passed such a law because of concerns about privacy, information security and cost.

During the legislative session in 2017, Oregon adopted SB 374 which repealed SB 536 (2009) and directed ODOT DMV to begin offering customers the option of a Real ID complaint card by July 2020.

July 2020 was chosen to allow DMV to complete the replacement of outdated computer systems. The new system will enable issuance of Real ID complaint cards from day one. This avoids wasting money on coding antiquated computer systems to handle Real ID, then scrapping that work when a modern computer system comes online.

**Key takeaways:**

- Oregonians can check to see if they need a Real ID by visiting Oregon.gov/realid.
- Travelers will not be asked for a federally acceptable ID until October 1, 2020.
• You should get or update your passport before October 2020. If you don’t want to travel with a passport book, think about getting a passport card.
• If you do decide you want to get a Real ID, consider waiting for the next time you would renew your license or ID card.
• Unless you are going through airport security or entering a secure federal facility, your regular Oregon license or ID card will continue to work for all purposes it does today.