

Here's what you need to know about REAL ID.

As of May 7, 2025, the federal government requires every person 18 years and older to present a [REAL ID or an acceptable alternative](#) – like a government-issued passport, passport card or military ID – to board a commercial U.S. flight. REAL ID is also required to access certain federal facilities like military bases or nuclear plants. Oregon offers both standard issue and REAL ID-compliant driver's licenses, instruction permits and identification cards. If you aren't flying soon, you can wait to get a REAL ID until it's time to renew your credential or use a passport.

A REAL ID is a state-issued driver's license, instruction permit or ID card that meets federal security requirements set by the [REAL ID Act](#) of 2005. The purpose of REAL ID is to make U.S. identity documents more consistent and secure. Oregon offers both a standard issue and REAL ID-compliant driver's license, instruction permit and identification card. It's your choice which version to get.

Oregon DMV offers many services online, but you have to get REAL ID at a DMV office to show the acceptable documents. You can [make an appointment](#) online at DMV2U or [visit a DMV office near you](#) without an appointment. Drop-in customers should expect longer wait times and no guarantee of same-day service. Offices differ in the number and types of appointments available. New slots are made available 30 days out on a rolling hour-by-hour basis, so check DMV2U frequently.

You will need to bring original documents that prove your:

- Identity.
- Date of birth.
- Home address (two proofs of address from two different sources and no P.O. Box).
- Lawful status in the U.S.

DMV offers a REAL ID document guide on [DMV2U](#) to help you determine what to bring. You also must provide your Social Security number or proof you are not eligible for one. Your current legal name must match the name on your Social Security card. DMV will scan and store copies of the REAL ID documents for 10 years.

The REAL ID option costs \$30 in addition to regular issuance fees every time you apply for an original, renewal or replacement driver's license, permit or ID card. After DMV accepts and scans your submitted documents, you'll be given a temporary paper ID. TSA will not accept the temporary paper ID at security. It takes up to three weeks to receive your REAL ID card in the mail, so make sure your identification is REAL ID-compliant in advance of your trip.

While you can't get a REAL ID online, wait times are shorter for everyone when customers with other transactions skip the line altogether. We offer over 20 transactions on DMV2U. You can also renew or replace your driver registration at one of DMV's 10 self-service [Express Kiosks](#) located in select Fred Meyer stores along the I-5 corridor and in Bend, or use our [mail-in options](#).

The sooner you start the REAL ID process, the more likely you'll have what you need in time to fly. Learn more at [Oregon.gov/REALID](#).