



Fact Sheet

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Real ID in Oregon

Starting May 3, 2023, 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 standard Oregon driver license or ID card. That new ID requirement also applies at other federal facilities such as military bases. You can use a Real ID compliant driver license or ID card, valid passport or passport card, or other less common documents. To get a Real ID version of an Oregon credential, you will need to visit a DMV office.

Customers are encouraged to consider if they want to switch to a Real ID when it is time to renew their license - or earlier by replacement if they think they may be traveling by air. If a Real ID is desired, customers should plan ahead so they have completed their visit and receive their new card in the mail before any travel – at least 3 to 4 months ahead.

DMV has online tools to help you determine what documents you must provide if you choose to apply. Visit Oregon.gov/realid to learn more.

Federal law requires that identity, age, and residency documents be scanned and stored by DMV, so you need to bring those documents when you apply for a Real ID – even if you have brought them to Oregon DMV before.

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.

What is Real ID?

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

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.

In 2017, the Oregon Legislature adopted SB 374 which repealed the previous law and directed ODOT DMV to begin offering customers the option of a Real ID compliant card by July 2020. Prior to that, Oregon law prohibited DMV from issuing Real ID compliant cards.

July 2020 was chosen for DMV to update its computer systems, which allowed issuance of Real ID compliant cards, including an interface with required federal systems.

Key Real ID takeaways:

- Air travelers will need federally acceptable ID starting May 3, 2023, to get through TSA (security) or to use some federal facilities.
- You will need a Real ID compliant driver license / ID card, a passport or passport card. There are a few other uncommon documents that also are acceptable.
- If your license/ID does not have a black star in the upper right corner, it is NOT Real ID compliant.
- Don't wait. If you think you might travel, consider getting a Real ID or passport soon.
- For a Real ID you must visit a DMV office. Visit Oregon.gov/realid to learn more, and generate a checklist of documents you'll need to bring with you.
- If you won't be 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.