Frequent questions

I am temporarily in the United States. Will my driver license be valid for eight years?
No. DMV is required to issue a limited-term driver license, permit or ID card to individuals in the United States for a temporary stay. A limited-term card has an expiration date equal to the individual’s authorized stay.

Can my military ID be used as proof of my United States citizenship?
No. Military ID cards are issued to both citizens and non-citizens.

Don’t use false ID documents
All documents that prove citizenship, legal presence in the U.S., full legal name, identity and birth must be original or certified copies from the issuing agency. DMV has the discretion to require additional evidence of legal presence, full legal name, Social Security number, identity and date of birth. It is a crime to present altered or forged documents or to make a false statement to DMV when applying for a driver license, permit or ID card, and is punishable by a fine and up to a year in prison (ORS: 25.785, 807.530, 809.310).

I obtained my current driver license, permit or ID card before proof of legal presence was required. Do I need to provide proof of these in order to renew or replace my license, permit or ID card?
Yes. Even if you have had your card for many years you will be required to provide acceptable proof of legal presence, date of birth, and full legal name the next time you apply for a renewal or replacement. You will also have to provide your SSN on the application for renewal or replacement.

The name on my document proving U.S. citizenship or legal status is different than my current name. What do I do?
You must present additional identity or proof of legal name change documents. See the list in this brochure.

If I am a visitor or immigrant in the U.S., how do I prove I am in the country legally?
You must present appropriate immigration documents issued by the Department of Homeland Security. See the list in this brochure.

Oregon Legal Presence in the United States Requirements

For driver licenses, permits and ID cards

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To report any complaints or concerns related to discrimination please call 1-877-336-6368 (EEO-ODOT).
This information can be made available in an alternate format by contacting a local DMV field office.

For DMV Related Questions:
(503) 945-5000
www.OregonDMV.com
ID Requirements

Applicants for new, renewal or replacement driver licenses, instruction permits or identification cards must provide acceptable proof of U.S. citizenship or lawful presence in the United States, current full legal name, identity and date of birth.

Current card holders

If you currently hold an Oregon driver license, permit or ID card and you do not have a document as listed in this brochure, you should begin gathering acceptable documents prior to your expiration date. You will be required to provide proof.

Go to OregonDMV.com for information to assist you in obtaining acceptable documents.

If you are unable to meet these requirements

DMV cannot issue a driver license, permit or ID card until proof of legal presence and current full legal name has been provided and your Social Security number has been verified with the Social Security Administration. However, you may be eligible for a Driver Card. Go to OregonDMV.com for information about the Driver Card.

Other requirements

The identification requirements in this brochure are in addition to payment of test and application fees, proof of residence in Oregon, and passage of the knowledge, vision and drive tests.

For the most current information about identification requirements, visit www.OregonDMV.com or call your local field office.

Proof of citizenship or lawful presence in U.S., current full legal name, identity and date of birth, includes:

All required and supporting documents MUST be the original or a certified copy from the issuing agency.

- U.S. government-issued birth certificate (hospital birth certificates are not acceptable)
- U.S. Consular Report of Birth Abroad (FS-240)
- Certification of Birth (DS-1350 or FS-545)
- Request for Verification of Birth (DD372)
- Valid U.S. passport, U.S. passport card, or U.S. Territory passport, not expired more than five years and can not have clipped corners or be hole-punched.
- Tribal ID card from a federally recognized tribe located in Oregon or a federally recognized tribe with an Oregon affiliation, approved by DMV
- Valid I-94 (arrival/departure record) issued by Department of Homeland Security or U.S. Customs and Border Protection or current admittance stamp with an unexpired foreign passport
- Resident alien card or permanent resident card (I-551)
- Employment authorization card (I-766)
- Certificate of citizenship (N-560 and N-561)
- Certificate of naturalization (N-550, N-570 and N-578)
- Re-entry permit Form I-327
- Refugee travel document Form I-571

Full legal name

Your full legal name is the name recorded on your document that proves citizenship or lawful presence in the U.S. If the name on your proof of legal presence is different than your current name, you must show DMV additional identity (current DL/ID, Military ID...) or proof of legal name change documents proving your current name.

Examples of legal name change:
Government-issued marriage certificate/license, divorce decree, judgment of dissolution or annulment of marriage or domestic partnership, Oregon certificate of registered domestic partnership, adoption decree, or a court order.

I want an ID card or permit for my child who doesn’t have an SSN. What do I do?

You will need to apply for a SSN for your child. All applicants eligible for a SSN must provide their SSN on the DMV application.

Proof of ineligibility for Social Security number includes:

Documents issued by the Social Security Administration, the Department of Homeland Security or other federal agencies or federal courts that demonstrate you are not eligible for a Social Security Number; and a signed Statement of Not Eligible for Social Security Number (Form 735-7255)