This brochure will assist you in meeting the requirements to obtain a standard driver license, identification (ID) card, or instruction permit. Additional documents are required to get an enhanced driver license (EDL) or enhanced identification card (EID), original commercial learners permit (CLP) or commercial driver license (CDL). For more information about these requirements visit our website at www.dol.wa.gov

When you go to the driver licensing office, you will need to present proof of identity, and provide your Social Security number if you are applying for a driver license. You must provide your current Washington residential address and mailing address, if different.

Proof of identity

To prove identity, show us any of the following:

- One choice from the Stand-Alone List of documents
- Two documents from the A-List
- One A-List document and two documents from the B-List
- At least four B-List documents, including:
  - One document must establish name and date of birth

Document acceptance criteria

- We accept only original documents or certified copies. Documents are certified by the issuing authority with an original embossed or ink seal. The documents listed may change without notice. Unless otherwise noted, all documents must be valid. A document is invalid if it is expired, invalidated, voided, or in a condition that obscures information or security features

Stand-Alone List

- Driver license, photo instruction permit, or ID card issued by U.S. state or territory, valid or expired not more than 1 year
- Refugee verification packet
- U.S. armed services/military ID card
- U.S. B1/B2 Visa Border Crossing card
- U.S. Certificate of Citizenship or Naturalization (bearer's signature and photo are readily identifiable)
  - U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service ID
  - I-327 U.S. Permit to Re-enter Travel Document
  - I-551 Permanent Resident Card
  - I-571 U.S. Refugee Travel Document
  - I-766 Employment Authorization
  - U.S. passport card
  - U.S. passport (not an emergency passport)
  - Verification letter from Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families for foster youth

A-List

- Driver license, photo instruction permit, ID card issued by U.S. state or territory expired 1 - 6 years
- U.S. Certificate of Citizenship or Naturalization (when bearer's signature and photo are not readily identifiable)
- U.S. passport (book or card) expired not more than 1 year. An emergency passport is not acceptable
- U.S. Visa
- Electronic verification letter if you are under supervision by one of these agencies:
  - WA Dept. of Corrections (DOC)
  - U.S. Federal Corrections
  - DCYF Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration (JRA)
- WA DOC offender ID badge
- Federally recognized Indian tribal enrollment card or U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs ID card with signature and photo
- Foreign passport with one of the following:
  - Valid U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) entry form I-94/I-94W
  - Valid temporary I-551 ADIT stamp
  - Valid U.S. Visa with the text "upon endorsement serves as temporary I-551 evidencing permanent residence for one year" and a valid DHS admission stamp
  - With I-551 annotation that is expired on the visa, but less than 1 year since date of admission on the DHS admission stamp
- El Salvador ID card
- Guatemala Consulate ID card
- Guatemala Identity card
- Honduras Matricula Consular ID card
- Honduras ID card
- Peru National ID Document
- Japan Driver License
- Mexico Matricula Consular ID card
- Mexico Federal Electoral card issued 1991 or later with identifiable photo

B-List

Documents that establish name and date of birth

- Birth certificate, U.S. or foreign, certified (Puerto Rico birth certificates must have an issue date of July 1, 2010, or later to be accepted)
- Birth registration card, certified
- Consular report of birth abroad
- Court-issued adoption papers
- Ward of the court decree/Order of dependency
- Driver license, photo instruction permit, ID card issued by U.S. state or territory expired more than 6 years
- Verifiable foreign driver license or ID card, expired not more than 6 years
- U.S. passport (book or card), expired more than 1 year
- Foreign passport, valid or expired not more than 6 years
- WA concealed weapons permit
- NEXUS, SENTRI, or FAST Border Crossing Card
- U.S. Merchant Mariner's card, valid or expired not more than 6 years
- Military DD-214

Documents that show name and date of birth or signature or photo

- School yearbook or copy certified by the school
- School transcript or record with date of birth, school biographical data sheet with photo, or forms I-20 or DS-2019 for foreign exchange students
- Mexican school record with seal and photo at age when issued
- Clearance letter/ADR from another state's DMV issued within the last 30 days
- Marriage license or certificate, certified by the issuing government authority
- Divorce decree with name and signature, certified by the issuing government authority
- Medicare card with name and signature (Not DSHS medical card)
- Professional license (nursing, physician, engineer, etc.)
- Police Employee ID card issued by WA state, city or county
- Transportation worker ID credential (TWIC)
- Veteran Administration ID card
- Federal or state agency employee ID card with signature and photo
- Selective Service card
- Social Security card, signed

Applicants age 25 and younger may meet ID requirements by providing:

- Parent or guardian with proof of identity from Stand-Alone list
- A document from the A-List, or a document from the B-List that establishes name and date of birth of the applicant
- Relationship document connecting the parent or guardian to the applicant such as a birth certificate or adoption papers

Customers 18 years of age or older who have been assigned court guardians due to mental or physical impairment may meet ID requirements by providing:

- Court assigned guardian with proof of identity from Stand-Alone list
- Court document assigning guardianship
- A document from the A-List, or a document from the B-List that establishes name and date of birth of the applicant

Customers enrolled in Job Corps may meet ID requirements by providing:

- A document from the A-List, or a document from the B-List that establishes name and date of birth of the applicant
- Job Corps ID card of the applicant

Social Security Number

You must provide your Social Security number when you apply for a driver license. If you have not been issued one, you may sign a declaration form when you visit our office.

We will verify your number with the Social Security Administration.

It will not appear on your driver license. We cannot issue a commercial driver license if you don't have a Social Security number.

42 USC 405 and 666(a) (13), RCW 26.23.150,

49 CFR 383.153, RCW 46.25.070

Your Photograph

Your new photo document will show a full front view of your face. Before we take your picture, we will ask you to remove anything covering your face or head (like a hat or sunglasses). If you choose not to, your license will be marked "Not Valid for Identification." Exceptions will be made for medical and religious reasons.

Foreign Documents

We will make every effort to translate them. If no bilingual staff is available, we may ask you to provide a certified English translation provided by a certified translator with the original documents. Some examples of a certified translator include DSHS certified translators, Washington State Court certified translators, Federal Court Translators, foreign government entity, consulate or embassy, etc. For more information, visit our website at www.dol.wa.gov

ID Review

If you're unable to provide identifying documentation as specified in this ID brochure, you may request that the department review other available documentation in order to confirm identity. The department may waive the requirement if it finds that other documentation clearly establishes your identity. Advise DOL staff of your lack of required documentation, and request an ID review be discussed as an option.

Teens

If you're under 18, have parental permission, and are applying for a driver license, you must also have completed an approved traffic safety education course. Your traffic safety education school will send us proof. For more information, visit our website at www.dol.wa.gov

Change of Name or Address

If your name has changed, you must come to a driver licensing office within 10 days and get a new license. Bring your current license or ID card and any Stand- Alone documents or a marriage certificate/ license certified by the issuing government authority, court order, divorce decree, or evidence of other legal action changing your name.

If your address has changed, you must update your record within 10 days. Visit our website at www.dol.wa.gov to update online, or visit a driver licensing office.

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REAL ID

Washington State complies with the federal REAL ID Act by offering U.S. citizens an Enhanced Driver License (EDL) or Enhanced ID card (EID). Not only is it a REAL ID compliant document, it is a federally approved alternate travel document to a passport for reentry into the U.S. from land and seaports in Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean. It provides an easy and convenient document for Washington State residents who are U.S. citizens traveling across our borders by land or sea.

In order for WA to fully comply with the federal REAL ID Act, all standard (non-enhanced) WA driver licenses, ID cards, and instruction permits will be marked with "Federal Limits Apply" to indicate they are not valid for federal identification. You may continue to use your marked or unmarked card for boarding airplanes and accessing secure federal facilities that do not require a REAL ID compliant document until May 7, 2025.

Additional documents are required to get an EDL or EID. For more information, visit our website at: **www.dol.wa.gov**

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Persons needing access to DOL programs and services should contact **(360) 902-3900**, or 711 relay for persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Or contact us by email at **ada@dol.wa.gov.**

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