

REAL ID or Enhanced *How do I get one?*



Use this checklist to determine what you need to bring to the DMV to be issued a REAL ID.

Step 1

Name, Date of Birth & Legal Status

Provide ONE:

- U.S. Birth Certificate, original or certified
- Valid U.S. Passport or Passport Card
- U.S. Consular Report of Birth Abroad, original or certified copy
- Certificate of Naturalization or Citizenship
Above also Eligible for Enhanced*
- Unexpired Foreign Passport with valid Visa and I-94 arrival/departure record or valid I-551 stamp or statement on Visa
- Unexpired Permanent Resident Card I-551
- Employment Authorization Document with documentation approved by Department of Homeland Security that specifically states valid U.S. lawful status as defined by 6 C.F.R. 37.3

Documents must be original or certified by the issuing agency.

Step 2

Social Security Number

Provide ONE:

- U.S. Social Security Card
- Federal or New York State Income Tax W-2
- Annual Social Security Statement
- Federal or New York State Income Tax or Earning Statement
Above also Eligible for Enhanced*
- Social Security Number Ineligibility Letter from the Social Security Administration dated within 30 days of office visit (REAL ID only)

Must have full SSN & name. Documents must be original or certified by the issuing agency.

Step 3

New York State Residency

Provide TWO separate items from this list:

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| • Annual Social Security Statement | • Property Deed |
| • Current Homeowners/Renters Insurance | • Current Property or School Tax Bill |
| • DMV Certificate of Residence | • Residential Lease |
| • Federal or NYS Income Tax or Earning Statement (1099 or 1098) | • Credit Card Statement |
| • Federal or NYS Income Tax W-2 | • U.S. Bank Statement |
| • NYS Certificate of Title | • U.S. Pay Stub |
| • NYS driver license, permit or non-driver ID | • U.S. Utility Bill |
| • Postmarked mail dated within 90 days of visit | • Voter Registration Notification Card |
| | • DMV Statement of Identity |

Please see DMV form ID-44 for additional proofs of residency, requirements and date restrictions. DMV will not accept more than one document of the same type. Documents with a P.O. Box listed cannot be accepted.

Step 4

Name Change Documents

Provide ONE per name change:

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| • Original or Certified Marriage License (Government Issued) | • Certificate of Naturalization |
| • Original or Certified Divorce Decree | • Certificate of Citizenship |
| | • Court Order |

If your current name doesn't match the documents you submit, you must provide documentation showing each legal name change. Documents must be original or certified by the issuing agency. DMV may only print your legal name on a REAL ID or Enhanced document.

Important Information

Condition of Documents

- All documents must be in good, readable condition. DMV cannot accept any damaged or altered documents. Documents must be original or certified by the issuing agency.

Full Legal Name

- Your full legal name will appear on your card.

*Enhanced ID

- Available to U.S. Citizens only. It is a REAL ID compliant card that also allows you to cross U.S. borders by land or sea. It costs an additional \$30. To apply for an Enhanced ID, follow the steps detailed within this document.

Where can I get the documents I need?



Document Sources

Places to get a certified copy of some commonly used proofs of identity:

Social Security Card:

- U.S. Social Security Administration

NOTE: You may be able to obtain some of these documents online.

Birth Certificate:

- Town or City in which you were born
- NYS Department of Health Vital Records
- New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (if born in NYC)

Consular Report of Birth Abroad:

- U.S. Department of State

Naturalization Certificate or Certificate of Citizenship:

- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Marriage Certificate:

- Town or City in which you applied for your marriage license
- NYS Department of Health Vital Records
- New York City Marriage Bureau (if married in NYC)

Divorce Records:

- Divorce Decree: County Clerk's Office of the County the divorce decree was issued
- Divorce Certificate: NYS Department of Health (divorces granted on or after Jan. 1, 1963)

If You Need a Social Security Card

Regional Social Security offices include:

- **Troy**
500 Federal Street
Troy, NY 12180
1-866-770-2662
- **Queensbury**
17 Cronin Road, Suite 1
Queensbury, NY 12804
1-877-405-4875
- **Schenectady**
1 Broadway Center
Schenectady, NY 12805
1-866-964-1296
- **Albany**
1 Clinton Avenue
Federal Bldg. Rm 430
Albany, NY 12207
1-866-253-9183
- **Gloversville**
13 N. Arlington Avenue
Gloversville, NY 12078
1-866-528-9446



You do not need to visit the Social Security Office in your county of residence, as the SSA is a federal agency.