

REAL ID

HELP YOUR CLIENTS GET COMPLIANT!

In January 2018, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will begin implementing the final phase of the so-called REAL ID Act, which sets standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards acceptable by federal agencies for official purposes.

As of today, states not currently in compliance with the law have either been granted an extension to allow them time to make the necessary changes to their identification cards or are awaiting a review of their extension requests from DHS. We anticipate that states that are currently "under review" will be granted extensions in a timely manner. On January 22, 2018, residents of "non-compliant" that have been granted an extension will still be allowed to present their state-issued driver's licenses as identification for air travel.

However, by October 1, 2020, all states must have implemented the necessary changes, and travelers must present a REAL ID Compliant driver's license or identification card for air travel. Otherwise, they will instead be required to present alternative forms of identification such as a U.S. Passport.

What ID Will They Need to Fly?

Initial Enforcement — Starting January 22, 2018:

- TSA will accept all licenses from **compliant states** and from **noncompliant states with an extension**, as well as other forms of identification described on www.tsa.gov.

Full Enforcement — To begin on October 1, 2020:

- TSA will **only accept compliant licenses issued by compliant states**, or alternative forms of identification described on www.tsa.gov.

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CURRENT STATUS OF STATES/TERRITORIES

COMPLIANT	EXTENSION	UNDER REVIEW
Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming	Alaska, California, Idaho, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia, Washington	American Samoa, Guam, Illinois, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, New York, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, U.S. Virgin Islands

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The REAL ID Act allows states to issue two versions of their driver's licenses (DL) and IDs: one version is REAL ID Compliant and one is not. Some states will only offer only a single compliant DL/ID.
- Noncompliant DL/IDs will clearly state that the card is "not acceptable for official purposes" and use a unique design or color to differentiate them from compliant DL/IDs.
- If your client lives in a state which offers both a compliant and non-compliant version, make sure they have secured a REAL ID compliant DL/ID or alternative form of identification before the October 1, 2020 Final Enforcement Deadline.
- Remember, when your client applies for a REAL ID compliant license, they may need to provide proof of their full legal name; date of birth; Social Security Number; proof of residence; and lawful status in the country.

For more information, visit [DHS.gov/real-id](https://www.dhs.gov/real-id)