

Identification Requirements

For individuals who are U.S. citizens or residents who are permanently lawfully present

To be issued a REAL ID compliant Colorado driver's license, instruction permit or identification card, you must prove the following elements: your full legal name, identity, date of birth and lawful presence in the U.S. The chart below shows the documents that you may use to prove each of these elements. In some cases, a single document may prove all four elements. However, it may be necessary for some applicants to provide multiple documents in order to prove all the required elements. All documents presented must be certified originals or certified amended originals or true copies certified by the issuing agency.

An application for a document listed above shall also include the applicant's social security number or a sworn

statement made under penalty of law that the applicant does not have a social security number.

If you cannot prove each of the required elements with the documents set forth in the chart below, then you may request to go through "Exceptions Processing" in an effort to prove the required elements with additional/alternative documents.

All applicants must also document their current residential address which includes a street address except as provided in 1 CCR 204-30, Rule 6. A parent's correct address indicated on their driver's license or ID card is acceptable for a minor child under 21 years old. See reverse for a list of acceptable address documents.

Document	Elements			
	Identity	Date of Birth	Name ¹	Lawful Presence
REAL ID Compliant Documents				
CO driver's license (not expired)	X	X	X	X
CO ID card (not expired)	X	X	X	X
Out of state DL / ID from REAL ID compliant state (not expired) ³	X	X	X ²	X
U.S. passport (not expired)	X	X	X ²	X
U.S. birth certificate, Consular Report of Birth Abroad		X	X	X
I-551 verified by SAVE (not expired)	X	X	X	X
Certificate of Naturalization w/ photo	X ⁴	X	X	X
Certificate of Citizenship w/ photo	X ⁴	X ⁵	X	X
Refugee / Asylee I-94 w/ photo verified by SAVE	X	X	X	X
OR				
You must provide any combination of documents that prove identity, date of birth, name and lawful presence in the U.S.				
Lawful Presence Documents				
	Identity	Date of Birth	Name ¹	Lawful Presence
Certificate of Citizenship		X ⁵		X
U.S. Adoption Order w/ birth information		X		X
Refugee / Asylee I-94, no photo verified by SAVE		X		X
Level 1 Exceptions Processing Documents				
CO license (expired less than 10 yrs, w/ or w/out photo on file)	X	X	X	
CO ID card (expired less than 10 yrs, w/ or w/out photo on file)	X	X	X	
Out of state DL / ID (expired less than 10 yrs)	X	X	X	
U.S. Passport (expired less than 10 yrs)	X	X	X	X
Military ID/Common Access Card (not expired)	X	X	X ²	X
Military ID/Common Access Card (expired less than 10 yrs)	X	X	X ²	
VA card w/ photo	X	X ⁸	X	
Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) ID card w/ photo	X	X ⁸	X	
Parent or legal guardian affidavit of identity if under 21 years old	X ⁶			
U.S. school record less than 12 months old		X		
Colorado Department of Corrections or Federal Bureau of Prisons ID card	X ⁷			

See reverse side for footnotes disclaimer and additional document list for address requirement.

¹ The applicant's full legal name is the name on the applicant's document (i.e. birth certificate), unless it has been changed by court order, marriage, divorce, or adoption. A marriage certificate, divorce decree, separation decree, or name change order issued by a state or federal court or government may be used to document a name change.

² Applicants who present U.S. passports, out of state driver's licenses and ID cards or Military IDs/Common Access Cards that do not bear the applicant's full legal name will be required to present an additional document (other than a U.S. school record or CO Dept. of Corrections/Federal Bureau of Prisons ID) that documents the applicant's full legal name.

³ **Non REAL ID Compliant States** (as of April 2014): Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Northern Marianas Islands, Oklahoma, and Washington. If on the face of the license or ID card presented it says that it is an Enhanced driver's license or ID card, then it will be accepted as a lawful presence document.

⁴ Certificates of Naturalization or Citizenship with photos over 20 years old require an additional identity document.

⁵ Only if the Certificate of Citizenship shows the applicant's date of birth.

⁶ A parent or legal guardian who signs an affidavit of identity for a minor under 21 years old must also present an identity document from the list on the front of this form and prove they are the parent or legal guardian of the minor. Proof of lawful presence is not required for the signing parent or legal guardian.

⁷ An identity document issued by the Colorado Department of Corrections, or the Federal Bureau of Prisons, is acceptable provided the first and last name and date of birth match the first and last name and date of birth on the document presented as proof of lawful presence.

⁸ If there is a date of birth on this document then it may be used.

Applicants are required to provide paper or electronic copies of **two** documents showing their name and principle (current) residential address. Documents that meet this requirement include (but are not limited to):

- Colorado driver's license, instruction permit or ID card that demonstrates current residential address
- Utility bill
- Credit card statement
- Pay stub or earnings statement
- Transcript or report card from an accredited school
- Bank statement
- Mortgage document
- Tax document
- Homeowners/renter's insurance policy
- Vehicle registration/title
- Auto insurance
- Rent receipt
- Phone bill

Per 1 CCR 204-30, Rule 6, a certified copy of a birth certificate is defined as a birth record filed with a State Office of Vital Statistics or equivalent agency in the individual's State of birth. City birth certificates are accepted by the District of Columbia and the five boroughs of New York City.

This document is created solely to assist applicants in understanding the identification rules for obtaining a Colorado driver's license or identification card. This document does not supersede, alter or amend the rules promulgated by the Department of Revenue; those rules contain the complete requirements and are available on the Department's web site at <http://www.colorado.gov/revenue/DMV>