

ACCEPTABLE IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS

PHOTOCOPIES ARE NOT ACCEPTED

All acceptable documents presented for verification or proof must be valid (current and not expired). One document may satisfy more than one Group. Documents marked with (*) are accepted for REAL ID.

To ensure you have all the documents required for a REAL ID, visit <https://realid.ilsos.gov/checklist.html>.

Group A — Written Signature

- Canceled Check (within 90 days prior to application)*
- Cooperative Driver Testing Program Certificate*
- Court Order*
- Credit Card/Debit Card (major brand)*
- Driver's License/ID Card (current) issued by an agency of the U.S. government*
- Illinois Driver's License (current or expired less than one year)*
- Illinois ID Card (current or expired less than one year)*
- Medicare Card*
- Mortgage or Installment Loan Documents*
- Out-of-State Driver's License/ID Card (current)*
- Passport (valid U.S. or foreign)*
- Social Security Card*
- Temporary DL/CLP/ID Card*
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Forms — I-551 (Permanent Resident Card); I-766 (Employment Authorization Card); I-94 (Arrival/Departure Record) with Valid Passport*
- U.S. Military Driver's License/ID Card*
- U.S. Military Service Record (e.g., DD214)*

Acceptable major brand credit cards (for signature verification only) include American Express, Diners Club, Discover, Master Card and Visa.

Group B — Date of Birth

- Adoption Records
- Birth Certificate*
- Citizenship Certificate (N560/N561)*
- Court Order (Change of birth date)
- Certified Grade/High School/College/University Transcript
- Consular Report of Birth Abroad*
- Illinois Driver's License
- Illinois ID Card
- Naturalization Certificate (N550/N570)*
- REAL ID Driver's License/ID Card
- Social Security Award Letter (primary beneficiary only)
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Forms — I-551 (Permanent Resident Card); I-571 (Refugee Travel Document); I-766 (Employment Authorization Card); I-797A (Notice of Action Status Change); I-94 (Arrival/Departure Record) with Valid Passport*
- U.S. Military Driver's License/ID Card
- U.S. Military Service Record (e.g., DD214)
- U.S. Passport or Passport Card (valid with complete date of birth)*
- U.S. Visa

Group B documents must contain the applicant's full name and complete date of birth and must be verifiable. To be verifiable, it must be possible to contact the regulatory authority to confirm the authenticity of the document. Documents marked with an [*] are also accepted to prove legal presence.

Birth Certificates must be original or certified by a Board of Health or Bureau of Vital Statistics within the U.S. or by the U.S. State Department, U.S. territories or Canada. A certified copy is a document produced by the issuing jurisdiction which has an embossed seal or an original stamped impression. Foreign passports and foreign birth certificates are accepted as proof if accompanied by any other item in Group B.

Group C — Social Security Number

- Illinois Driver's License Record (verified)
- Illinois ID Card Record (verified)
- Non-SSA-1099 Form*
- Pay stub or printed electronic deposit receipt bearing the applicant's name and SSN*
- Social Security Award Letter (primary beneficiary only)
- Social Security Card (issued by SSA)*
- SSA-1099 Form*
- U.S. Military Driver's License/ID Card
- U.S. Military Service Record (e.g., DD214)
- W-2*

Group C documents must contain the applicant's name and full Social Security number. If using an Illinois driver's license or ID record, the Social Security number must have been previously verified with the SSA.

An applicant applying for a Temporary Visitor Driver's License is not required to present documents from Group C. Instead, the applicant must sign a declaration on the TVDL application that the applicant is, at the time of application, ineligible to obtain a Social Security number.

Group D — Residency

- Official Electronic Statement (dated within 90 days prior to application)
- Bank Statement (dated within 90 days prior to application)*
- Canceled Check (dated within 90 days prior to application)*
- Certified Grade/High School/College/University Transcript*
- Credit Report (issued by Experian, Equifax or TransUnion, dated within 12 months of application)*
- Deed/Title, Mortgage, Rental/Lease agreement*
- Insurance Policy (homeowner's or renter's)*
- Letter on Official School Letterhead (dated within 90 days prior to application)*
- Medical Claim or Statement of Benefits (from private insurance company or public (government) agency, dated within 90 days of application)*
- Official mail received from a State, County, City or Village or a Federal Government agency (must include first and last name of applicant and complete current address), may include — Homestead Exemption Receipt; Jury Duty Notice (issued within 90 days of application); Selective Service Card; Social Security Annual Statement; Social Security Disability Insurance Statement; Supplemental Security Income Benefits Statement; Voter Registration Card*
- Pay Stub or Electronic Deposit Receipt*
- Pension or Retirement Statement*
- Phone Book, produced by a phone book publisher*
- Report Card from Grade/High School or College/University*
- Tuition invoice/official mail from college or university, dated within the 12 months prior to application*
- Utility Bill (electric, water, refuse, telephone land/cell, cable or gas, issued within 90 days of application)*

Group D documents must contain the applicant's full name and residence address. Documents in Groups A, B or C that contain the full name and residence address also may be used for Group D. Two residency documents required for REAL ID.

After review of all identification presented, Secretary of State management has the right to accept or refuse any document.

Both lists — acceptable and unacceptable — are subject to change.

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Unacceptable Documents

- Bond Receipt or Bail/Bond Card
- Business Card
- Check Cashing Card
- Club/Fraternal Membership Card
- College or University ID Card
- Commercially produced (non-State or unofficial) ID Card
- DHS Card or documents (Department of Human Services)
- Fishing License
- HFS Card (Healthcare and Family Services)
- Handwritten ID/Employment Card
- Hunting License
- Illinois Concealed Carry Card
- Illinois FOID Card
- Instruction Permit/Receipt
- Insurance Card
- International Driving Permit
- Library Card
- Personal Mail
- Traffic Citation (Arrest Ticket)
- Unlicensed Financial Institution Loan Papers
- Vehicle Registration
- Video Club Membership Card
- Wallet ID

WHAT YOU WILL NEED AT THE DRIVER SERVICE FACILITY

WHEN OBTAINING: ORIGINAL PERMIT AGE 15

- Proof of Date of Birth
- Proof of Residency
- Instructor signed application or official letter on school letterhead

AGE 18 -20

- Proof of Date of Birth
- Social Security Card
- Proof of Residency

LOST PERMIT AGE 15-20

- Proof of Date of Birth
- Social Security Card
- Proof of Residency

ORIGINAL LICENSE AGE 16-20

- Proof of Date of Birth
- Social Security Card
- Proof of Residency
- Instructor signed drive test waiver if given by instructor
- 50 hour practice log sheet
- Parent/guardian with valid Identification

Please refer to the
Acceptable ID Documents
chart for acceptable items