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Identification Cards in Delaware

SUMMARY: Delaware Identification Cards

[Applications for an ID card](#) must be made **in person** at a [DE DMV office](#). You will need to prove your **identity, legal U.S. presence, residency, and SSN**, and pay the required **fee**. In most cases, you'll receive a federally-compliant SecureID card.

For details, keep reading!

Need to apply for, renew, and order a replacement ID card from the Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV)? We've got the guide you're looking for, including documents and fees to get the federally-compliant REAL ID card.

Let's get started!

Eligibility Requirements

You qualify for an identification card once you've established **Delaware residency** and can provide proof of your **identity and DE address**. If you are younger than 18 years old, a parent or guardian with a photo ID must sign for you.

If you are not a U.S. citizen but are legally residing in the state, you also qualify for an identification card. You will need to show documents proving your legal status. Visit the DE DMV website for a list of [immigration statuses](#) that are **ineligible** for an ID card.

Apply for a DE State ID Card



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When you apply for your Delaware identification card, you will receive an ID card that is compliant with the REAL ID Act, **UNLESS** you:

- Cannot prove or do not have a Social Security number.
OR
- Choose not to provide all of the required documents for a SecureID.
 - Note that while this is still an option for you, the DE DMV **highly recommends that you get the REAL ID**; its process has been adapted entirely to issue such cards.

In either of these cases, you will receive an ID card that is considered “non-compliant.” Call the DMV at [\(877\) 477-7117](tel:8774777117) if you need or prefer to apply for the non-compliant card.

To apply for a REAL ID, visit a Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) **office in person** and:

- Provide **proof** of your:
 - **Identity** and legal **U.S. presence**, including your **full name** and **date of birth**.
 - **DE residency** (2 documents).
 - **Social Security number**.
 - The DMV provides a [list of acceptable documents](#).



What Is a REAL ID?

The Delaware DMV now issues **federally-compliant REAL ID cards** that allow you to use your license for domestic travel and entry into federal and military buildings. Unless you **specifically request** a non-compliant card, **OR** you **can't provide** the full suite of required documents, you'll receive a REAL ID when you apply. Check out the DMV's [guide to REAL IDs](#) if you have questions.

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- Complete any required **application forms** at the DMV.
 - [Contact your local office](#) to see if you can pick up a form ahead of time.
- Pay the **\$20 ID card fee**.

Renew Your Delaware ID Card

Your identification card expires 4 years after your next birthday. You'll can renew it [online](#) or **in person** at any [DMV office](#) in Delaware. Make sure to bring your existing ID card with you if you renew in person.

The fee to renew ID cards is \$20. For details, including **penalty fees** for late renewals, see the DMV's [fees chart](#).



Updating to a DE REAL ID

If you **DO NOT** already have a **REAL ID-compliant card**, you'll need to **re-submit your identity documents** that you brought for your initial application; [see above](#) for the required proofs to update to the federally-compliant card. **The DMV will only need to re-validate these documents once.**

Replace Your Identification Card

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er ID cards that are lost, stolen, damaged, or destroyed can be **replaced in person** at any [Delaware DMV office](#).

At the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) office, be prepared to submit:

• A completed application form, available at the DMV, as well as documents for identification. Check out the [DMV website](#) for a complete list of acceptable documents.

• The fee for a duplicate state ID card is \$5.

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Change Your Name or DE Address

If your information has changed between your initial ID card application and renewal, make sure to submit those changes to the DMV, before or upon your renewal.

Check out what to prepare for.

[Changing Your Address](#)

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Change Your Address

You must notify the Delaware DMV of all address changes within 30 days. You can file an address change notification via mail by filling out a [DMV Change of Address Form](#). Notifications can also be filed in person at any [DE DMV office](#). No fee is necessary for this service. Visit our [Change of Address in DE](#) page for complete instructions.