ID requirements for air travelers change October 1, 2020. A REAL ID will get you on the plane. Get yours now at Virginia DMV.

DO I NEED A REAL ID? It’s your choice!

Do you fly within the United States or enter secure federal facilities or military bases? Beginning October 1, 2020, the federal government will require you to present a REAL ID compliant driver’s license or ID, or another federally approved form of ID such as a U.S. Passport or some military IDs, in order to board a domestic flight. Secure federal facilities and military bases have the authority to set their own identification requirements. Please verify requirements prior to your visit. Effective immediately, some military bases may no longer accept non-REAL ID compliant credentials which display “Federal Limits Apply.”

Don’t have a passport or other acceptable ID? Or don’t want to carry your passport to fly domestically? You can upgrade your Virginia driver’s license or ID to a REAL ID for a one-time $10 fee, in
addition to the standard fees for a credential renewal or replacement.

How do I apply for a REAL ID compliant license or ID card?

All applicants for a REAL ID compliant license or ID card, including current Virginia credential holders, must apply in-person and provide DMV with physical documentation of:

- Identity (e.g. unexpired U.S. passport or U.S. birth certificate)
- Legal Presence (e.g. unexpired U.S. passport or U.S. birth certificate)
- Social Security Number (must include full number; e.g. Social Security card or W-2 form)
- Residency (two proofs are required and each must include current residential street address; e.g. current driver’s license, utility bills, mortgage statement or rental lease agreement)
- Proof of any name changes (e.g. marriage certificates or divorce decrees)

All documents must be originals and will be subject to verification; however, printouts of acceptable online residency documents can be used as proof of residency. Temporary documents and photocopies of documents will not be accepted.

Visit dmvNOW.com/REALID for the full list of proof documents Virginia will accept.