

What to Bring – Real ID Required Documents

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security REAL ID Act became effective nationwide in 2008, mandating new standards for the issuance of driver licenses and identification cards. Florida began issuing REAL ID-compliant credentials January 1, 2010. New driver licenses and ID cards have a star in the upper right corner of the card, indicating that they are REAL ID-compliant. As part of the REAL ID Act, there are documentation requirements for residents renewing or obtaining a new driver license or ID card. **For the first in-office issuance after January 1, 2010, customers must bring original documents that validate their identity, Social Security Number (SSN) and residential address.**

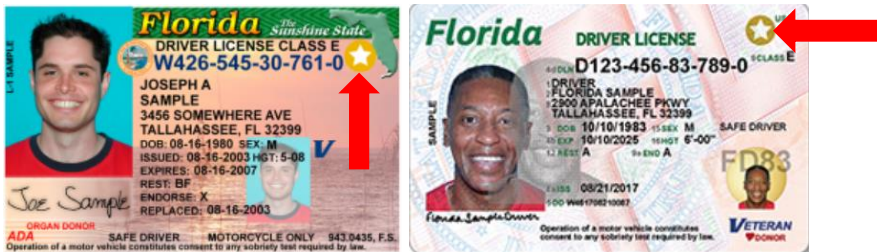


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Customers MUST visit an office with the required documents IF:

- They are applying for their first driver license or ID card;
- Their current credential expires, and their current driver license or ID card does not have a star in the upper corner; or
- They have legally changed their name since their last issuance (e.g., by marriage, divorce or court order).
 - The name(s) on their marriage certificate(s) or court order must show how their birth name was changed to their current name.
 - If their name has changed multiple times, and the document they provide shows their current name and their birth name, they need only bring the final name change document.
 - If the final marriage certificate does not have both names, they will need to bring all documents that show how their name changed from birth name to current name.

NOTE: In accordance with the REAL ID Act, once a customer provides the required identity documents, they will only need to provide them again if their information changes (e.g., name, residential address). After October 1, 2021, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will only accept driver licenses and ID cards with a star in the upper right corner as proof of identification at airports. Individuals currently seeking access to military bases and most Federal facilities must present REAL ID-compliant identification. A United States passport may also be used in place of a REAL ID-compliant card for official identification.

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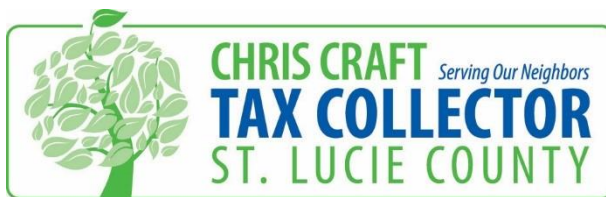
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U.S. Citizen

U.S. citizens renewing, replacing or applying for a new driver license or ID card in person must submit the following documents before a REAL-ID compliant driver license or ID card can be issued. Please note that the name assigned to the Social Security Number (SSN) **must match** the name that will appear on the Florida driver license or ID card. Customers who have recently changed their name should update their records with the Social Security Administration before applying for a driver license or ID card.

Primary Identification

1. An original of **one** of the following documents with complete name:
 - U.S. birth certificate, including some U.S. territories and District of Columbia (birth certificates from Puerto Rico must have an issue date after July 1, 2010);
 - Valid U.S. passport or passport card;
 - Consular Report of Birth Abroad;
 - Certificate of Naturalization, form N-550 or form N-570; or
 - Certificate of Citizenship, form N-560 or form N-561.

NOTES:

- Only a birth certificate issued by a [county health department](#) or the [CDC Bureau of Vital Statistics](#) will be accepted. **Hospital birth certificates are not considered a certified document and will not be accepted.**
- Please come prepared to present one of the above listed identification documents as proof of citizenship or legal presence.
- When applicable, marriage certificates, court orders or divorce decrees must be provided to link the name on the primary identification to the name on the driver license or ID card.
- If a valid U.S. passport has the customer's current name, they are not required to present additional name change documents.

Proof of Social Security:

2. An original of **one** of the following documents with complete name and complete SSN:
 - [Social Security card](#) (with the customer's current name);
 - W-2 form (not handwritten);
 - Paycheck/stub;
 - SSA-1099; or
 - Any 1099 (not handwritten).

For customers without an SSN, please [click here](#).

Proof of Residential Address:

Customers may not use their current driver license or ID card as proof of residential address. Customers must submit **TWO different** documents with their residential address (printouts or faxes of these documents are acceptable). Residential address documents include, but are not limited to:

- Deed, mortgage, monthly mortgage statement, mortgage payment booklet or residential rental/lease agreement;
- Florida voter registration card;
- Florida vehicle registration or title;
- Utility bill;
- A utility hook-up or work order dated within 60 days prior to the application;

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- Automobile payment booklet;
- Selective service card;
- Medical or health card with address listed;
- Current homeowner insurance policy or bill;
- Current automobile insurance policy or bill;
- Educational institution transcript forms for the current school year;
- Unexpired professional license issued by a government agency in the U.S.;
- W-2 form or 1099 form;
- Form DS2019, Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) status;
- A letter from a homeless shelter, transitional service provider or a half-way house verifying they receive mail for the customer. The letter must be accompanied by a [Certification of Address](#) form;
- Mail from financial institutions including checking, savings or investment account statements;
- Mail from federal, state, county or city government agencies; or
- FDLE registration form completed by local sheriff's department.

VETERANS – Don't forget to bring your DD-214 to have the veteran designation added to your license.



NOTE: Customers who do not have any of the above documents in their name may provide two proofs of residential address from a parent, step-parent, legal guardian— or other person with whom they reside and a [Certification of Address](#) form.

Name Changes:

- Customers who have legally changed their name by marriage, divorce or court order must submit the original or a certified marriage certificate, divorce decree or court order.
- **Photocopies are not accepted.**
- Marriage certificates must be recognized by the state of Florida. Generally, marriage certificates issued in Florida or another state in accordance with the respective laws of those states are recognized by the State of Florida.
- **Church-issued marriage certificates are not accepted.**

NOTE: Please allow 24 to 48 hours after changing your name with Social Security Administration before applying to change it with the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. Your name must verify with the Social Security electronic system to obtain a Florida driver license or identification card.

Certified copies of marriage certificates or divorce decrees may be obtained at the clerk of court in the county where it was originally filed.

Immigrant

Immigrants renewing, replacing or applying for a new driver license or ID card in person must submit the following documents before a REAL ID-compliant driver license or ID card can be issued. Please note that the name assigned to the Social Security Number (SSN) **must match** the name that will appear on the Florida driver license or ID card. Customers who have recently changed their name should update their records with the Social Security Administration before applying for a driver license or ID card.

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Primary Identification

1. An original of **one** of the following documents with complete name:
 - Valid alien registration receipt card (green card, form I-551);
 - I-551 stamp in passport or on I-94;
 - Immigration judge's order, containing the customer's A-number (admissions number), granting asylum;
 - I-797, containing the customer's A-number, stating the customer has been granted asylum; or
 - I-797, or another form from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), with the customer's A-number, stating the customer's application for refugee status is approved.

Proof of Social Security

2. An original of **one** of the following documents with complete name and complete SSN:
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Proofs of Residential Address

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Residential address documents include, but are not limited to:

- Deed, mortgage, monthly mortgage statement, mortgage payment booklet or residential rental/lease agreement;
- Florida voter registration card;
- Florida vehicle registration or title (print a duplicate registration at www.GoRenew.com);
- Utility bill;
- A utility hook-up or work order dated within 60 days of the application;
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- Educational institution transcript forms for the current school year;
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Non-Immigrant

Non-immigrants renewing, replacing or applying for a new driver license or ID card in person must submit the following documents before a REAL-ID compliant driver license or ID card can be issued. Please note that the name assigned to the Social Security Number (SSN) **must match** the name that will appear on the Florida driver license or ID card. Customers who have recently changed their name should update their records with the Social Security Administration before applying for a driver license or ID card.

Primary Identification

1. An original of **one** of the following documents with complete name:
 - Valid employment authorization card issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) form I-688B or I-766;
 - Non-expired proof of non-immigrant classification provided by DHS form I-94 with required supporting attachment(s). If a customer is unsure of the required documentation, they should bring **all** United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) documentation with them. I-94s must be accompanied by a valid passport with a date of entry stamp. Certain classifications require additional documentation. Some examples are:
 - F-1 and M-1 classification must be accompanied by an I-20;
 - J-1 or J-2 designation must be accompanied by a DS2019;
 - Refugee, asylee and parolee classifications must be accompanied by additional documentation;
 - I-571 travel document/refugee travel permit;
 - I-512 parole letter accepted; or
 - Immigration judge's order granting asylum or cancellation of removal.

NOTES:

- Documents must be valid for more than 30 days from the date of issuance.
- Non-U.S. citizens applying for an original driver license will be issued a 60-day temporary paper permit without a photo and a receipt. Non-U.S. citizens applying for an ID card will be issued a receipt. Upon identity and legal status verification, a driver license or ID card will be issued within 60 days and mailed to the address on the driver record. The driver license or ID card will be issued for the period of time specified on the USCIS document, up to a maximum of four years.
- If lawful status or identification is not verified, a denial of issuance letter will be mailed to the customer.

Proof of Social Security

Non-immigrants in the country without a work visa are **not** required to obtain a letter from the Social Security Administration stating that they were never issued an SSN (also known as an SSA refusal letter).

2. An original of **one** of the following documents with complete name and complete SSN:
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Primary Identification

1. An original of **one** of the following documents with complete name:
 - Valid Canadian passport;
 - Original or certified Canadian birth certificate;
 - Canadian naturalization certificate; or
 - Canadian certificate of citizenship.

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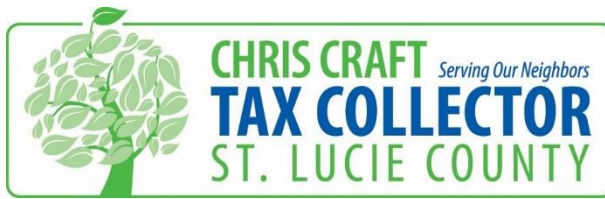
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Frequently Asked Questions:

For further clarification on What to Bring to our offices for the Real ID driver license or ID card, please refer to the Department of Motorist Services Frequently Asked Questions page:

<https://www.flhsmv.gov/driver-licenses-id-cards/what-to-bring/frequently-asked-questions/>