

# REAL ID Act

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Background, Implementation and Next Steps

# The REAL ID Act

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In 2005, Congress passed the REAL ID Act in order to set standards for issuing driver's licenses and ID cards. The Act established minimum security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards and prohibits federal agencies from accepting for official purposes licenses and ID cards from states that do not meet these standards.

In order for driver's license or ID card to be REAL ID compliant, it must be issued only to those who can prove lawful presence in the U.S.

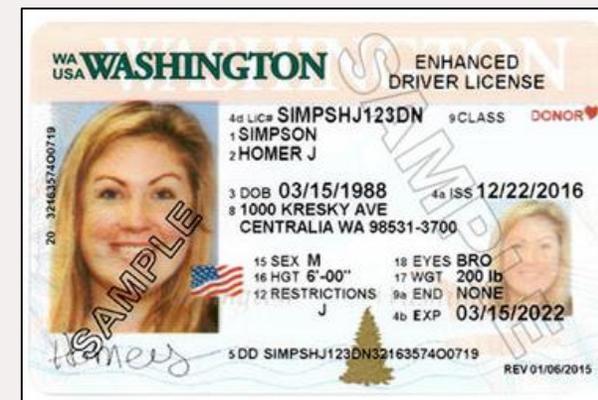
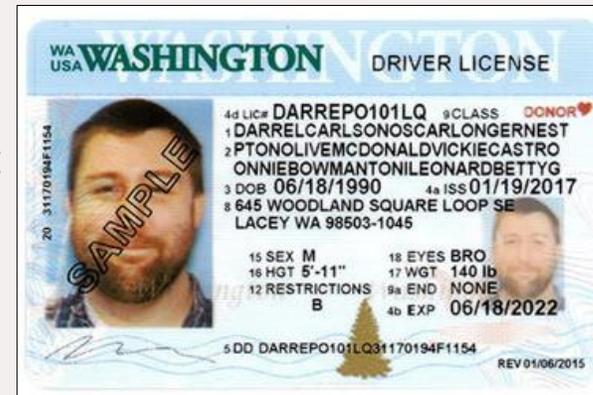
Washington state has been granted extensions in complying with the REAL ID Act, but these will expire on October 10, 2018.



# Washington Forms of ID

Washington issues two types of licenses and IDs, generally:

1. Standard Driver Licenses and ID Cards
  - a. Who is eligible: anyone who can prove WA residence and identity (U.S. citizens, permanent residents, undocumented individuals, etc.)
  - b. Under REAL ID: Not federally approved for entering federal buildings or for air travel
  
2. Enhanced Driver Licenses and ID Cards
  - a. Who is eligible: only U.S. citizens
  - b. Under REAL ID: Federally approved for entering federal buildings and for air travel

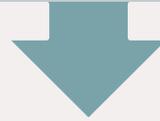


# REAL ID Act Timeline

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**July 1, 2018**

All new standard licenses and IDs will be marked with language to note it isn't valid for federal identification purposes like entering secure federal facilities or air travel.



**October 10, 2018**

Deadline for Washington to comply with REAL ID. Standard WA licenses and IDs can still be used for air travel and entering secure federal buildings.



**October 1, 2020**

Federal enforcement of REAL ID will begin for WA residents. Standard licenses and IDs can no longer be used for federal purposes like air travel or entering secure federal buildings.

# Federally Accepted ID

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Federally accepted identification includes:

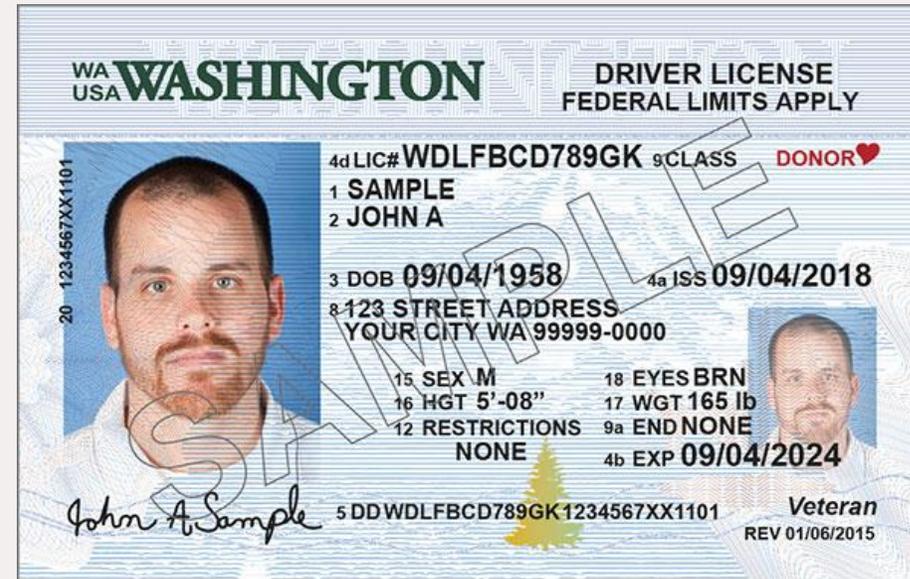
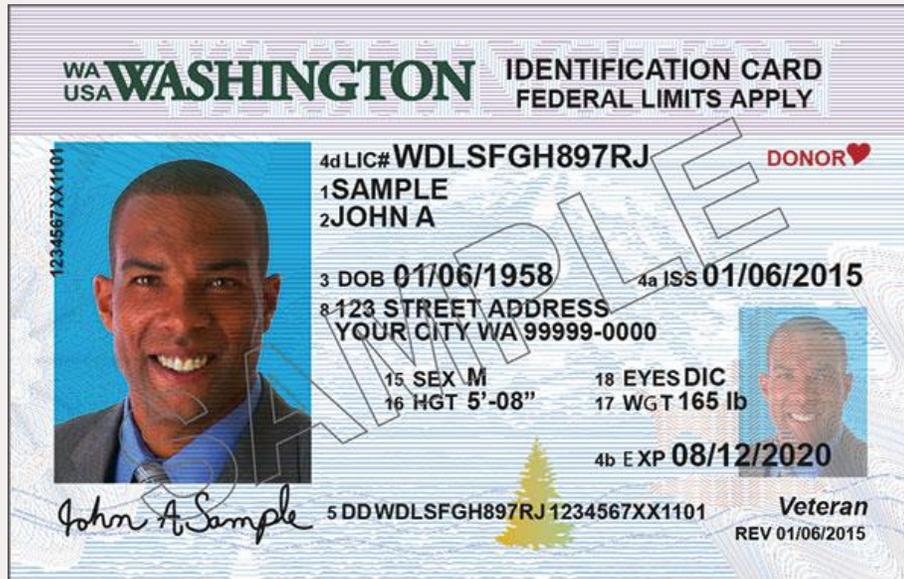
1. Washington State Enhanced Driver's License or Enhanced ID Card,
2. U.S. or Foreign Passport,
3. U.S. Passport Card,
4. Green Card,
5. Military ID card, or
6. One of several other types of federally approved forms of identification (visit [tsa.gov](https://www.tsa.gov) for more information)



# REAL ID Act Implementation

Rule making has started on language to be added to standard driver's license and ID cards in July.

The sample is shown with the proposed federal marking language "Federal Limits Apply." This language is not yet final, and is still being discussed with stakeholders.





# Compliance Examples

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Language used on state issued licenses and ID cards not acceptable for federal purposes:

**CA:** “Federal Limits Apply” on the front. “This card is not acceptable for official federal purposes. This license is issued only as a license to drive a motor vehicle...” on the back.

Eligibility for card: Driver’s license for those who cannot show authorized presence

**CO:** “Not valid for federal identification, voting, or public benefits purposes” on the front.

Eligibility for card: Driver’s license or ID for those who can prove income tax return filed or 2 years state residence, ITIN, and passport/consular ID card/military ID

**HI:** “Not acceptable for official federal purposes” on the front. More specific language on the back.

Eligibility for card: Limited-purposed license for those who cannot show authorized presence

**WA:** Proposed language “Federal Limits Apply” on the front.

Eligibility for card: Driver’s license or ID for all non-US citizens



# Next Steps

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WHAT WE CAN DO TO SHAPE IMPLEMENTATION



# Attend a Public Hearing

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The DOL is holding six public hearings as part of its rulemaking process.

This is an opportunity for you to learn more about the REAL ID Act, ask questions, and share your concerns. This is especially a chance for you to weigh in on how the standard IDs and licenses will be marked beginning in July.

# Public Hearings

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Six public hearings scheduled across the state:

- May 8 at 2:30pm in Lacey: Lacey City Hall, College St SE
- May 9 at 10am in Kent: Kent Memorial Park, 525 Fourth Avenue North
- May 10 at 9am in Spokane: Spokane City Hall, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd
- May 11 at 9am in Kennewick: Southridge Sports & Event Complex, 2901 Southridge Blvd #A
- May 22 at 6pm in Mount Vernon: Skagit Station Community Room, 105 E. Kincaid
- May 23 at 6pm in Yakima: Laborers International Union Hall, 507 South 3rd Street

Public comments accepted online through link at <http://www.dol.wa.gov/realid.html>.





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