

In Need of Secure, Trusted, and Reliable Identification?

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In response to acts of terrorism committed against the United States, and in an effort to ensure the safety of citizens, Congress passed the REAL-ID Act of 2005. This legislation modified U.S. federal law pertaining to security, authentication, and issuance procedure standards for state driver licenses and identification cards.

In order to comply with the requirements of this federal legislation, the Alabama Department of Public Safety has developed the STAR I.D. program. STAR I.D. is a step beyond an ordinary Alabama driver license or non-driver identification card, and it fully meets all requirements of federal law.

Once the provision of the REAL-ID goes into effect, those persons who do not possess a valid, unexpired U.S. passport will need a STAR I.D. to board commercial aircraft for domestic flights or to enter certain regulated federal facilities.

New regulations will go into effect **Dec. 1, 2014**, for people born after **Dec. 1, 1964**. For people born on or before that date, new regulations will be effective **Dec. 1, 2017**.

STAR I.D. is available to qualified individuals at any Driver License examining office operated by the Alabama Department of Public Safety. County probate judges and license commissioners will continue to renew standard licenses and ID cards, but they are not authorized to issue or renew a STAR I.D.

Additional documentation will be required to verify identity, date of birth and authorized presence in the United States. For more information and a complete list of required documents, visit the Alabama Department of Public Safety's website at dps.alabama.gov or call **877.567.1045**.



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STAR I.D.

SECURE ★ TRUSTED ★ RELIABLE

Purchased with funds provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

In order to be issued a STAR I.D., applicants must verify their identity and date of birth by providing one of the following documents*:

1. Valid, unexpired United States Passport
2. Certified Birth Certificate
3. Consular Report of Birth Abroad (Form FS-240, DS-1350, or FS-545)
4. Valid, unexpired Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551) issued by Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS)
5. Unexpired employment authorization document (EAD) issued by DHS (Form I-766 or Form I-688B)
6. Unexpired Foreign Passport with a valid, unexpired U.S. Visa affixed, accompanied by the approved I-94 form documenting the applicant's most recent admittance into the United States.
7. Certificate of Naturalization issued by DHS (Form N-550 or N-570)
8. Certificate of Citizenship issued by DHS (Form N-560 or N-561)
9. A REAL-ID compliant Driver License or Non-Driver Identification Card

**If the applicant's name has changed from that displayed on the document produced (marriage, adoption, court order, etc), official documents verifying this change will be required.*

Applicants must verify their Social Security Numbers by providing one of the following documents:

1. Social Security card
2. A certified letter (on letterhead) from the Social Security Administration stating the person's name and Social Security Number
3. United States Military Identification Card
4. United States Military Form DD 214
5. Medicare/Medicaid Identification Card (if Social Security Number is followed by the letter A)
6. W-2 Tax Form

Applicants must verify their address of principal residence by providing any two of the following documents:

1. Voter Registration Card
2. Residential Mortgage Contract
3. Current Lease or Rental agreement for housing
4. Proof of payment of residential property tax (Homestead)
5. Previous year tax returns bearing applicants address
6. Vehicle registration bearing applicants name and address
7. Utility bill (Water, Gas, or Electric) less than 90 days old
8. Any State or Federal Court documents indicating residence address
9. School enrollment documentation
10. Defense Department Form 214 (Report of Separation)
11. Sex offender registration documents
12. Current Homeowners insurance policy with name and address
13. Social Security benefits statements/summary mailed to physical address
14. U.S. or State Government check or other document mailed to applicants physical address
15. Military Orders documenting duty station and place of residence.