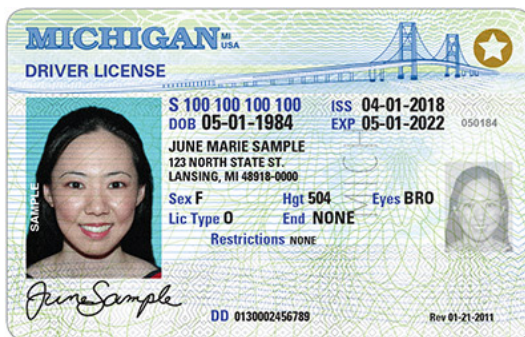


REAL ID Information for Non-U.S. citizens

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Beginning October 1, 2021, everyone will need a “REAL ID” or an acceptable alternative document (such as a passport) to fly within the United States and enter some federal buildings. Standard driver’s licenses and state IDs will not be accepted by Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officers at airports. A REAL ID has a white star in a gold circle in the upper right corner:



Who is eligible for a REAL ID? ¹

- **Citizen or national** of the United States.
- **Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR).**
- **Conditional Permanent Resident (CPR).**
- **Asylee**
- **Refugee**
- A person with a **valid, unexpired nonimmigrant visa status** other than a B1/B2 visa.
- A person with a **pending application for asylum** in the United States.
- A pending or approved application for **Temporary Protected Status (TPS)** in the United States.
- Approved **deferred action status** including **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).**

¹ REAL ID Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109-13, 119 Stat. 302, Section 202(C)(2)(B).

- A pending **application for adjustment of status** to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States or conditional permanent resident status in the United States.

What are the acceptable alternative documents that I can use to fly or go to federal buildings if I don't have a REAL ID?²

- **Passport.** An unexpired U.S. passport or a passport from another country. A passport from does not have to be “stamped” or contain proof of current immigration status. *Most noncitizens who do not have an eligible immigration status will need to use their passports as their REAL ID alternative document.*
- **U.S. passport card**
- **Employment Authorization Document (EAD).** An unexpired EAD or “work permit” issued by the Department of Homeland Security.
- Michigan’s Enhanced Driver’s Licenses (EDLs) and EDLs from other states are considered to be REAL IDs and are acceptable even if they don’t have a star in the upper right corner.
- **DHS trusted traveler cards (Global Entry, NEXUS, SENTRI, FAST)**
- **U.S. Department of Defense ID, including IDs issued to dependents**
- **Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) card**
- **Border crossing card issued by Department of Homeland Security**
- **Federally recognized, tribal-issued photo ID**
- **HSPD-12 PIV card**
- **Foreign government-issued passport**
- **Canadian provincial driver's license or Indian and Northern Affairs Canada card**
- **Transportation worker identification credential**
- **U.S. Merchant Mariner Credential**

What will I be able to use a standard “non REAL ID” card for after October 1, 2021?³

- **Driving (in the case of driver’s licenses)**
- **Identification in all settings other than airports/TSA and federal buildings including:**
 - **Check cashing**
 - **Car rental**

Please visit www.michigan.gov/sos for more information about REAL ID. **If you believe you are eligible for a REAL ID card and can’t access one, you can contact the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center at (734) 239-6863.⁴**

² <https://www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/identification> Consider printing the linked document from the TSA website and bringing it with you to the airport if you are using an alternative document.

³ https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1627_81569---,00.html

⁴ MIRC website: <https://michiganimmigrant.org/>; Address: 15 S. Washington Street, Suite 201, Ypsilanti, MI 48197