



## Important Update: REAL ID Requirements for Travelers

Starting **May 7, 2025**, the REAL ID Act will be enforced across the United States. To help you prepare, we've outlined everything you need to know about this important change and how it may impact your travel plans.

### What is the REAL ID Act?

The REAL ID Act establishes federal security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards. These enhanced IDs are designed to increase safety and reduce fraud, especially for air travel and access to federal facilities.

### Key Dates to Remember

- **May 7, 2025:** This is the deadline for compliance. After this date, travelers aged 18 and older must present a REAL ID-compliant card or an approved alternative form of identification to:
  - Board domestic flights.
  - Enter certain federal facilities, including military bases.

### How to Identify a REAL ID

A REAL ID-compliant license or identification card features a gold or black star in the upper right corner. If your ID does not have this star, it is not compliant.

### What Happens If You Don't Have a REAL ID?

If you don't have a REAL ID by the deadline, you will need to provide an alternative form of identification to travel or access federal facilities. Accepted alternatives include:

- U.S. Passport or Passport Card
- U.S. Military ID
- DHS Trusted Traveler Cards (Global Entry, NEXUS, SENTRI)

### Steps to Get a REAL ID

1. **Check Your Current ID:** Look for the gold or black star to confirm compliance.
2. **Visit Your State DMV:** Make an appointment to upgrade to a REAL ID.
3. **Bring Required Documents:** You will typically need:
  - Proof of identity (e.g., a valid passport or birth certificate).
  - Social Security number (e.g., Social Security card or tax document).
  - Two proofs of residency (e.g., utility bills, rental agreement).
4. **Complete the Application:** Follow your state's specific process for issuance.



### **Travel Tips to Stay Prepared**

- **Apply Early:** Avoid the last-minute rush by upgrading to a REAL ID well before May 7, 2025.
- **Verify Your Documents:** Ensure you bring the correct documents to the DMV.
- **Consider a Passport:** If you already have a valid U.S. passport, it can serve as an alternative form of ID for domestic travel.

### **Questions? We're Here to Help!**

At All About Travel, we're committed to ensuring your journeys are smooth and stress-free. If you have any questions about REAL ID or need assistance planning your travel, contact us today:

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Let us help you navigate these changes and keep your travel plans on track. Remember, May 7, 2025, will be here before you know it—act now to ensure compliance and travel with confidence!