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Voluntary Travel IDs now offered in Frankfort for Anderson County residents

KYTC makes progress on regional model concept to issue REAL ID-compliant cards

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Oct. 8, 2019) – The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is expanding REAL ID-compliant card access to Anderson County residents as the agency makes strides to revamp the state's issuance model. Anderson County residents who have an existing driver's license, permit or personal ID may visit the KYTC driver's license office at the Transportation Cabinet headquarters in Frankfort to upgrade to a Voluntary Travel ID.

Voluntary Travel IDs are Kentucky's REAL ID-compliant driver's licenses, accepted for U.S. commercial air travel and restricted federal facility access once federal enforcement begins Oct. 1, 2020. The cards serve as one of several forms of IDs accepted at airport security checkpoints, military bases and federal buildings that require identification. They do not have to be presented with a passport to board a flight.

"KYTC has successfully processed Voluntary Travel ID requests from Franklin County residents and we're ready to make new card versions available to even more Kentuckians at our regional office concept location," said Department of Vehicle Regulation Commissioner Matt Henderson. "Serving residents from two counties will offer valuable insight to guide our next steps as we design KYTC-staffed regional offices."

The Frankfort office will offer a dedicated station for Franklin County residents and a dedicated station for Anderson County residents. Software upgrades are in development to allow a single station to take applications from residents of multiple counties. Applicants will receive a temporary 30-day document that serves as a driving credential until the permanent card arrives in the mail at the applicant's residence. Residents applying for a Voluntary Travel ID card version **must present one (1) proof of identity, one (1) proof of social security number and two (2) proofs of residency** (dated less than 61 days for most documents). A full list of acceptable documents is available on the Confident Kentucky [website](#).

The KYTC driver's license office is located on 200 Mero St., in Frankfort, Kentucky and is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Only debit and credit cards will be accepted (**no cash or check**). The Frankfort office is not equipped to serve applicants who require testing or re-testing.

The Anderson County Circuit Court Clerk office will continue to serve as the application site for standard, non REAL ID-compliant driver's licenses, permits and personal IDs.

In September, the Cabinet announced the state is undertaking a new approach to offer Voluntary Travel IDs at regional application site locations staffed by KYTC employees, versus the former county-by-county rollout model at Circuit Court Clerk offices. The shift was an outcome of a summer pilot program in two counties that identified unsustainable staffing and workload issues for Circuit Court Clerk staff. Details about the regional office locations and timeline to open will be shared once finalized.

About the Confident Kentucky Initiative

Confident Kentucky is an initiative of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) to improve the security of the issuance and production of state-issued driver's licenses, permits and IDs to meet federal REAL ID standards. When REAL ID enforcement goes into effect October 1, 2020, Kentucky driving and ID credentials without a star cutout in a black circle in the upper-right corner cannot be used at airport security checkpoints for U.S. commercial air travel or to visit military bases and federal facilities that require ID (like the White House). Kentuckians 18 years of age or older will need a Voluntary Travel ID **or** another acceptable form of ID (like a passport, passport card, permanent resident card) to fly within the U.S. or access restricted federal locations. Passports are still required for international travel. Voluntary Travel IDs are optional and will continue to be offered after Oct. 1, 2020. Circuit Court Clerk offices will serve as the application site for standard, non-compliant cards and KYTC regional office locations will accept requests for Voluntary Travel IDs*. All Voluntary Travel IDs will arrive in the mail, are available in eight-year lifespans, feature new pricing and require documentation when applying. To learn more and to prepare, visit drive.ky.gov/confidentky.

*Franklin County and Woodford County Circuit Court Clerk office locations participated in the pilot program and continue to offer Voluntary Travel IDs and new standard driver's licenses to residents.



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