



## Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

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### **Pilot phase of new driver's license rollout starts in Hart County July 10**

*Residents reminded to arrive prepared and expect card via mail*

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (July 2, 2019)** – Kentucky's new, more secure driver's licenses will be available in Hart County beginning Wednesday, July 10 as part of the pilot phase of issuance. Residents are urged to gather required documents before visiting the Circuit Court Clerk office to apply.

"After launching in Franklin and Woodford counties, we're excited to extend testing of the new driver's license production and issuance system to Hart County," said Department of Vehicle Regulation Commissioner Matt Henderson. "The best advice I have for residents is to take the quick online [IDocument Guide](#) quiz to confidently gather the right documents you'll need to present at a Circuit Court Clerk office when it's time to renew."

By including a small number of offices in a pilot phase, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet can closely monitor the entire process and make any needed changes before cards roll out statewide.

New standard and Voluntary Travel ID card versions will be available to Hart County residents beginning Wednesday, July 10. Driver's licensing offices in Hart County will be closed Tuesday, July 9 to allow for the installation of new equipment.

Kentuckians will have a more interactive experience when applying thanks to new touchpads that allow citizens to enter and verify personal information. All applicants will be issued a temporary document, valid for driving until the permanent card arrives in the mail 5-10 business days later. If the applicant is not applying for the first time, their old credential will be altered with a hole punch over the portrait in the lower right corner and returned to them. This altered credential can be used for domestic air travel when shown in conjunction with the new temporary document. The Voluntary Travel ID may not be used for international air travel.

“Meeting the upgraded federal security requirements means there are key document changes residents need to follow to avoid repeat trips to clerk offices,” said Commissioner Henderson. “Advancing the issuance and production process better safeguards the credential Kentuckians rely on most.”

Applicants requesting the new Voluntary Travel ID, or those applying for a license, permit or personal ID for the first time, must present documentation verifying identity, Social Security number, and residency. A full [list](#) of acceptable documents with detailed guidelines for applicants is available at [drive.ky.gov/confidentky](https://drive.ky.gov/confidentky). A key difference when applying for either card version is the Voluntary Travel ID requires two (2) proofs of residency. In addition, citizens are encouraged to note:

- current driver's licenses are not valid to prove residency or identity
- utility bills and U.S. Postal Service postmarked mail must be less than 61 days old
- photocopies of birth certificates are not accepted
- social security cards must not be laminated
- a bridging document, like a marriage certificate or divorce decree, will be needed to if the legal names on proof documents do not match

Current Kentucky licenses, permits and IDs will remain valid until their expiration date. Cardholders should wait to request one of the new card versions until they are within their six-month renewal window. Cardholders whose renewal window does not allow them to renew before the REAL ID enforcement deadline of Oct. 1, 2020, will be able to request a new Voluntary Travel ID credential once it is available in their county of residence.

A phased, county-by-county rollout extending to the remaining counties will begin this summer after the pilot period ends. Dates will be updated on the [drive.ky.gov/confidentky](https://drive.ky.gov/confidentky) website as the rollout approaches in each county.

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### **About the Confident Kentucky Initiative**

Confident Kentucky is an initiative of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to improve the security of the issuance and production of state-issued driver's licenses, permits and IDs to meet federal standards. A phased, statewide roll out will extend through the summer to introduce two new card versions for all credentials – a standard or Voluntary Travel ID. The Voluntary Travel ID is the federally- compliant card version acceptable for domestic air travel and military base entry once nationwide REAL ID enforcement begins October 1, 2020. In addition to new card versions, the initiative will bring the following key changes: mailed card delivery, doubled lifespan of cards, required documentation when applying and new pricing. To learn more, visit [drive.ky.gov/confidentky](https://drive.ky.gov/confidentky).