The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is taking licensing to the next level by providing new, modern services that put Kentuckians in the driver’s seat to choose how they want to be served. Here’s what to expect at our Driver Licensing Regional Offices.

Schedule Online
Book appointments online to ensure you get in and out as quickly as possible. Walk-ins are still welcome at limited capacity.

No Waiting Around
After paying, you’ll immediately receive a temporary document you can use as your ID until your permanent, more secure card arrives in the mail.

It’s Your Choice
Choose between a REAL ID or a new standard ID card. Both offer state-of-the-art security features to ensure your information is fully protected.

Visit Any Office
You can visit ANY regional office, regardless of where you live.

Renew Online - Coming Soon!
Renew your current standard license or REAL ID card online, as long as your name or address haven’t changed.

Doubled Card Lifespan
You can choose a card that is valid for four or eight years.

Kentucky’s New Home for Driver Licensing
The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is streamlining the driver licensing process. Soon, all Kentuckians will visit Driver Licensing Regional Offices to apply for or renew a driver’s license, permit or ID card instead of visiting the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk in their county of residence.

This change follows the passage of Kentucky HB 453 in 2020, which transferred licensing responsibilities to KYTC from the circuit court clerks.

KYTC will gradually take over all in-person licensing responsibilities from each of the 120 circuit court clerks. Licensing will be our only business Kentucky State Police will continue to oversee all written and road testing.

This transfer of services will be complete by June 30, 2022.

A list of counties that have already transferred, as well as a list of anticipated dates in select counties, can be found at drive.ky.gov.
Office Locations

Driver Licensing Regional Offices are strategically located to serve different areas of the state. Kentucky residents are welcome to schedule an appointment at any Driver Licensing Regional Office. A complete list of licensing offices and online scheduling is available at bit.ly/KYTCScheduleAnAppt.

Offices are open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. Walk-in customers are also welcome. Only debit and credit cards are accepted (no cash or check) at this time.

Schedule your appointment by visiting our website or scan the QR code with your phone’s camera or QR code app.

Driver Testing

Kentucky State Police will continue to oversee all written and road testing. Some testing locations are in Driver Licensing Regional Offices and some currently remain in county courthouses. To make a testing appointment, visit kentuckystatepolice.org/driver-testing/ or scan the QR code with your phone’s camera below:

Make a testing appointment.

REAL ID

When federal enforcement of the REAL ID Act begins on May 3, 2023, Kentucky’s current standard licenses will no longer be accepted to board U.S. flights or enter restricted federal facilities, like military bases, nuclear power plants or the White House.

Kentucky REAL IDs are federally compliant versions of state driver’s licenses, permits or IDs that display a black star. It has all the benefits of a standard credential, plus is accepted at TSA checkpoints for domestic air travel, military base entry and any federal building that requires identification.

Other forms of REAL ID-compliant credentials, such as U.S. passports or U.S. military IDs, may also be used to maintain these travel and access benefits.

Kentuckians who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents may apply for a REAL ID at any Driver Licensing Regional Office across the state. Obtaining a REAL ID for the first time requires applicants to apply in-person and present specific, required documentation.

Learn about REAL ID on realidky.com.

Take the REAL ID IDocument Quiz

A list of acceptable documentation and a link to take an interactive quiz that populates a personalized list of documents is available at bit.ly/IDocumentQuiz or scan the QR code with your phone’s camera.

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