

BRING THESE DOCUMENTS WHEN APPLYING.

- 1** Proof of Identity
- 1** Proof of Social Security Number
- 2*** Proof of Residency
*one proof for standard credential
- !** Proof of ANY name change, gender change, or any additional documents, if applicable.

NAME OR GENDER CHANGE?

You may need to bring the following documents:

if your name, date of birth, or gender is different from what is displayed on your identity or lawful status document, you must show legal proof of the changes.

- Name Change** Bring all that apply
 - Certified Marriage Certificate
 - Certified Divorce Decree
Must show that a name change was granted
 - Certified Legal Name Change Order
 - Death certificate of spouse
 - Valid Military ID
 - Updated Social Security card
- Gender Change** One (1) required
 - Court Order changing gender marker
 - Letter from surgeon verifying completion of gender reassignment
- Amended Birth Certificate



Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to take the IDocument quiz for a list of documents you need to bring to get a REAL ID. 11/21/2025

BRING 1

Proof of Identity

Choose (1) for REAL ID or standard card

PROOF OF IDENTITY MUST BE THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT, OR A CERTIFIED COPY, WITH APPROPRIATE SEAL. NO PHOTOCOPIES ARE ACCEPTED.

Birth certificate

- U.S. Birth Certificate issued by appropriate government agency of a U.S. state or territory.
U.S. territories include Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands (Saipan, Tinian, Rota), Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands.
- Hospital-issued certificate invalid.**
If you wish to obtain a certified copy of your birth certificate, contact the Office of Vital Statistics in your birth state.
For Kentucky - chfs.ky.gov or (800) 241-8322.
- U.S. Consular Report of Birth Abroad

Passport documents

Valid and unexpired with photograph
(Validity of documents presented are verified through their respective agency).

- U.S. Passport
- U.S. Passport card
- Foreign Passport/Visa/I-94/Stamped I-551
Issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security or U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Resident/citizenship documents

Valid and unexpired documents issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security or U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

- Permanent Resident Card
Form I-551
- Conditional Permanent Resident Card
- Certificate of Naturalization
Form N-550 or Form N-570
- Certificate of Citizenship
Form N-560 or Form N-561

Additional exceptions

Other information the Cabinet may require by administrative regulation promulgated under KRS Chapter 13A.

BRING 1

Proof of Social Security Number

Choose (1) for REAL ID or standard card

- Social Security Card
MUST DISPLAY CURRENT NAME. No photocopies permitted. Visit the Social Security Administration's website at ssa.gov/ssnnumber for a replacement.

NOTE: First-time applicants **MUST** bring their Social Security Card.

- SSNAP replacement printout
- Other income documents**
- W-2 Wage and Tax Statement **OR** 1099
Most recently issued; MUST NOT BE HANDWRITTEN.
- Paycheck stub or statement

BRING 2 FOR REAL ID

Proof of Residency

Choose (2) for REAL ID card
OR choose (1) for standard card

A Kentucky post office box address is not sufficient proof of physical address. The Cabinet will require additional proof of physical address if necessary.

Documents dated less than 1 year

- Utility bill - Landline, electric, gas, cable, etc.
- Telephone bill
- Bank statement
- State or federal tax return
- Pay slip or salary statement
- Kentucky voter registration card
- U.S. Postal Service postmarked mail

Most current documents

- Kentucky Driver's license, instruction permit, or personal identification card
- Property tax bill
- Kentucky vehicle registration
- IRS forms: W-2 **OR** 1099 (most recent tax year)
- Lease or rental agreement
- Mortgage statement
- Insurance policy
- Record from an educational institution in Kentucky which establishes enrollment
- Kentucky titles
- Kentucky hunting/fishing license

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Additional Documents if applicable

Out of state

- If you are moving to Kentucky from another state, territory or country, a clearance letter or operator's license from the previous state, territory or country of residence is required.

Younger than 18 years old

- FOR REAL ID or Standard ID under 18**
- Must present certified Birth Certificate **AND** Social Security card
- Other documents required, if applicable:
 - Custody Verification (required if not parent listed on certified Birth Certificate)
 - CHFS Verification Letter for Foster Children (required if foster child)
 - School Compliance Verification Form, if graduated from High School
 - (High School Transcript or GED Transcript)
 - Certificate from an approved driver training program if applying for driver's license.

- Early enlistment for military service, if applicable

Must have held a valid permit for 180+ days, passed a skills test, and completed a driver training program to obtain a permanent license. Must provide a valid U.S. Uniformed Services ID or proof of military enlistment.

Veteran/military

- If you wish to note veteran status on a credential, you must submit a DD-214, DD-256, DD-257, NGB-22, official Veterans ID card, or Veterans Healthcare card.

Other

- P.O. Box
If you do not receive mail at your physical address, you will need proof of post office box for mailing address. **CANNOT BE USED AS A PHYSICAL ADDRESS PROOF.**
- Dropping a license or class
If you will no longer drive **OR** if you are a CDL driver dropping a class, endorsement or restriction, you must present a voluntarily surrendered affidavit.
- Motorcycle License
If you are a motorcycle permit holder applying for a motorcycle license, you must have a motorcycle safety course completion certificate/affidavit
- Felon Release
VALID PROOF ONLY FOR STANDARD LICENSE
Must present a certified U.S. Birth Certificate and a Felon Release Letter issued by the Federal Bureau of Prisons located in Kentucky, KY Department of Corrections, Division of Probation and Parole, or the U.S. Probation Office.