

VALID PROOF DOCUMENTS

For Kentucky Driver's Licenses, permits, and identification cards

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.

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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-561i

Additional exceptions

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



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/ssnumber 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



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



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

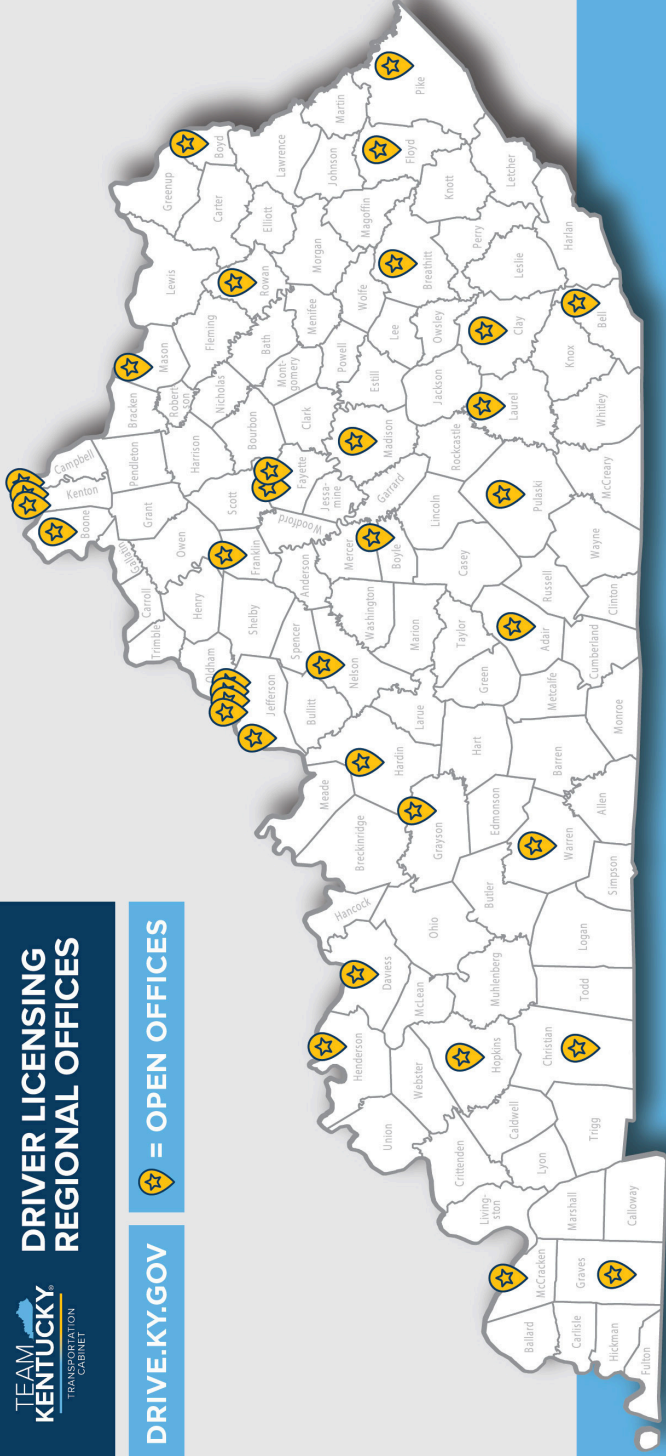
Must have held a valid permit for 180+ days, passed a skills test, and completed a driver training program to obtain a permanent license. Must provide a valid U.S. Uniformed Services ID or proof of military enlistment.

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.



VISIT ANY DRIVER LICENSING REGIONAL OFFICE TO REQUEST, RENEW, OR REPLACE AN ID.

Kentuckians requiring driver testing must schedule an appointment with Kentucky State Police at kentuckystatepolice.ky.gov/driver-testing.

BARDSTOWN

201 GUTHRIE DRIVE
SUITE C

BARDSTOWN, KY 40004

BELLEVUE

103 LANDMARK DRIVE
BELLEVUE, KY 41073

BOWLING GREEN

360 EAST 8TH AVE
SUITE 111

BOWLING GREEN, KY 42101

BURLINGTON

6159 1ST FINANCIAL DRIVE
SUITE 200

BURLINGTON, KY 41005

CATLETTSBURG

2900 LOUISA STREET
SUITE 2

CATLETTSBURG, KY 41129

COLUMBIA

363 OFFICE PARK DRIVE
SUITE 200
COLUMBIA, KY 42728

COVINGTON

1840 SIMON KENTON WAY
COVINGTON, KY 41012

DANVILLE

1714 PERRYVILLE ROAD
SUITE 118
DANVILLE, KY 40422

ELIZABETHTOWN

1055 NORTH MULBERRY
ELIZABETHTOWN, KY 42701

FRANKFORT

200 MERO STREET
FRANKFORT, KY 40622

HENDERSON

374 BORAX DRIVE
HENDERSON, KY 42420

HOPKINSVILLE

901 A SOUTH MAIN STREET
HOPKINSVILLE, KY 42240

INDEPENDENCE

1655 DELAWARE CROSSING
INDEPENDENCE, KY 41051

JACKSON

1127 MAIN STREET
JACKSON, KY 41339

LEITCHFIELD

1903 W ELIZABETHTOWN ROAD
LEITCHFIELD, KY 42754

LEXINGTON - LEESTOWN

141 LEESTOWN CENTER WAY
Suite 125
LEXINGTON, KY 40511

LEXINGTON - SPINDLETOP

2624 RESEARCH PARK DRIVE
LEXINGTON, KY 40511

LONDON

CARNABY SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER
845A SOUTH MAIN STREET
LONDON, KY 40741

LOUISVILLE - BOWMAN FIELD

3501 ROGER E SCHUPP
LOUISVILLE, KY 40205

LOUISVILLE - DIXIE HWY

6202 WILLISMORE DRIVE
LOUISVILLE, KY 40272

LOUISVILLE - HURSTBOURNE

9112 LEESGATE ROAD
LOUISVILLE, KY 40222

LOUISVILLE - L&N Building

908 WEST BROADWAY
11TH FLOOR
LOUISVILLE, KY 40203

LOUISVILLE - NIA CENTER

2900 WEST BROADWAY
LOUISVILLE, KY 40211

MADISONVILLE

56 FEDERAL STREET
MADISONVILLE, KY 42431

MANCHESTER

25 MARCUM HILL ROAD
MANCHESTER, KY 40962

MAYFIELD

355 CHARLES DRIVE
MAYFIELD, KY 42066

MAYSVILLE

1918 OLD MAIN STREET
MAYSVILLE, KY 41056

MOREHEAD

126 BRADLEY AVENUE
MOREHEAD, KY 40351

OWENSBORO

2620 KY HWY 81
OWENSBORO, KY 42301

PADUCAH

2855 JACKSON STREET
SUITE 7
PADUCAH, KY 42003

PIKEVILLE

126 TRIVETTE DRIVE
2ND FLOOR
PIKEVILLE, KY 41501

PINEVILLE

101 COURTHOUSE SQUARE
2ND FLOOR
PINEVILLE, KY 40977

PRESTONSBURG

3140 SOUTH LAKE DRIVE
SUITE 5
PRESTONSBURG, KY 41653

RICHMOND

RICHMOND MALL
830 EASTERN BYPASS
SUITE A12
RICHMOND, KY 40475

SOMERSET

650 NORTH MAIN STREET
SUITE 240
SOMERSET, KY 42501

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IN PERSON
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