

HOW TO GET A REAL ID **GOLD STAR** ON YOUR LICENSE OR ID

Schedule an appointment online at:
www.iowadot.gov/mvd/appointments and
bring the following original documents
or certified copies (no photocopies).



Proof of identity *one of the following*

- Official birth certificate (*not the one with baby footprints*)
- Valid U.S. passport
- Most recent U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services immigration or refugee document

Proof of social security number (SSN) *one of the following showing your name and entire SSN:*

- Social security card
- W-2 or 1099, 1095, pay stub, bank or credit card statement, find other examples online

Proofs of residency *two items showing your name and address where you live. (no P.O. boxes)*

- Utility bill, bank or credit card statement, pay stub, piece of postmarked mail
- *Find other examples online*

Proof of any legal name changes *Any of the following if your current name differs from the name on your proof of identity document. This is not required if your current legal name is already listed on your Iowa license/ID and on your social security card.*

- Certified marriage certificate if your last name changed
- Divorce decree indicating a name change
- Court order under petition for name change

Do I need a REAL ID gold star?

A REAL ID card has a gold star in the top right corner.

REAL ID is the result of a nationwide federal act meant to protect you from terrorism and identity fraud.

Beginning May 7, 2025,



if you don't have a REAL ID. You will need to show a different

TSA-approved identity document (like a passport or military ID) to fly.

How much will it cost me?



You can get a REAL ID when it's time to renew your license or ID at no additional cost.



If you need a REAL ID card before your license or ID expires, come in any time and apply for a replacement card marked as REAL ID compliant for a \$10 fee.

Unsure of what documents you need to bring?
Get a customized list at: www.iowadot.gov/realid