

Getting Real with the REAL ID

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What is REAL ID?

REAL ID prohibits federal agencies from accepting any photo IDs that do not meet new standards.

Effective May 7th, 2025, all U.S. travelers aged 18+ need REAL ID-compliant identification to board a domestic flight.

If travelers cannot produce valid REAL ID-compliant identification, they will need to complete the [TSA ConfirmID process](#) and pay a \$45 fee, or be unable to board their domestic flight.

REAL ID

What's the difference?

			
U.S. domestic air travel	✓	✓	✓
International air travel		✓	✓
Driving	✓	✓	
Age-restricted purchases	✓	✓	✓
Voting	✓	✓	✓
Accessing certain federal facilities	✓	✓	✓

How do you know if you have a REAL ID? Just look for the star!



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Are your U.S. travelers REAL ID ready? Check out the Department of Homeland Security's official site for important deadlines, frequently asked questions, and more.