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Washington Department of Licensing takes steps to comply with Real ID Act

New marking to be added to all standard-issue driver licenses and ID cards

Olympia – Starting July 1, 2018, the Department of Licensing (DOL) will begin marking all standard driver licenses and ID cards with the language, “federal limits apply.” The change aims to bring Washington into compliance with the federal Real ID Act, which requires all states to mark identification documents that do not comply with the federal law. [Under Legislation signed](#) (app.leg.wa.gov) by Gov. Jay Inslee, DOL expects to be in full compliance with the REAL ID Act by fall 2018.

Over the next two years, all Washington residents will have to make a choice about their identity documents. By October 1, 2020, standard driver licenses and ID cards will no longer be an acceptable form of identification for boarding domestic flights and entering some secure federal facilities, like military bases and nuclear power plants. DOL’s enhanced driver licenses (EDLs) and enhanced ID (EIDs) cards are Real ID compliant, and valid for travel as are passports, permanent resident cards and military IDs.

Standard driver license and ID cards can continue to be used for the following:

- Driving
- Applying for or receiving federal benefits
- Entering a federal facility that does not require ID (post office)

An enhanced driver license or ID card is completely voluntary and optional. Some commonly needed documents to get an EDL/EID are certified birth certificate, U.S. passport or military ID. A [full list of document options](#) to obtain an enhanced driver license or ID card is available on the DOL website.

“If you know you will not be flying or already have a federally approved document such as a U.S. passport, passport card or military ID, you do not need an enhanced driver license or ID card,” said DOL Director Pat Kohler. “There is plenty of time to educate yourself on all options and choose the identification that works best for you.”

For a full list of federally accepted documents and information about REAL ID and what it means for Washington, visit the [DOL website](http://www.dol.wa.gov).

Choose the type of identification that works best for you!

Standard Driver License/ID

This marking begins on July 1, 2018

- Identification
- Operating a motor vehicle (driver license only)
- Domestic air travel (until Sept 30, 2020)
- Access to federal facilities that don't require ID
- Access to federal facilities that require ID
- International border crossing by land or sea

Standard driver license/ID
\$54 for 6 years

Enhanced Driver License/ID

- Identification
- Operating a motor vehicle (driver license only)
- Domestic air travel
- Access to federal facilities that don't require ID
- Access to federal facilities that require ID
- International border crossing by land or sea

Enhanced driver license/ID
\$78 for 6 years

For more information: www.dol.wa.gov