Secure, Trusted and Reliable Identification

Get STARted

Effective **May 3, 2025,** every air traveler will need a REAL ID compliant license/ID (STAR ID) or another form of identification for domestic air travel.

(See TSA's website for a full list of acceptable identification for domestic air travel at **www.tsa.ov)**

STAR IDs are issued to qualified individuals **only** at **Alabama Law Enforcement Agency** Driver License exam offices. County operated license offices will continue to provide renewals/duplicates for license, ID cards and **STAR ID.**

Once the provision of the REAL ID Act (STAR ID) goes into effect, individuals who **do not** have an **unexpired** U.S. passport will need an Alabama STAR ID to **board commercial aircraft** for **domestic flights or to enter** certain **military bases and regulated federal facilities.**

Why do I need an Alabama-issued REAL ID (STAR ID)?

In response to acts of terrorism committed against the United States and in an effort to ensure the safety of citizens, Congress passed the REAL ID Act of 2005. This legislation modified U.S. federal law pertaining to security, authentication and issuance procedure standards for state driver license and identification cards.

In order to comply with the REAL ID Act, the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency developed the STAR ID program. STAR ID is a step beyond an ordinary Alabama driver license or non-driver identification card and it meets all requirements of federal law.

Additional documentation will be required to verify identity, date of birth and authorized presence in the United States. For more information and a complete list of required documents, visit the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's website at www.alea.gov .

STAR ID.

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In order to be issued a STAR ID, applicants must verify their identity and date of birth by providing one of the following documents:

1. Valid, unexpired United States Passport
2. Certified Birth Certificate
3. Consular Report or Birth Abroad (Form FS-240, DS-1350, or FS-545)
4. Valid, unexpired Permanent Resident Card (Form 1-551) issued by Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS)
5. Unexpired employment authorization document issued by DHS (1-766 or I-688B)
6. Unexpired Foreign Passport with valid, unexpired U.S. Visa affixed, accompanied by the approved 1-94 form documenting the applicant's most recent admittance into the United States.
7. Certificate of Naturalization issued by DHS (Form N-550 or N-570)
8. Certificate of Citizenship issued by DHS (Form N-560 or N-561)

**If the applicant's name has changed from that displayed on the document produced (marriage, adoption, court order, etc.), official documents verifying this change will be required.*

Applicants must verify their Social Security Number by providing one of the following documents:

1. Social Security card
2. Certified letter (on letterhead) from Social Security Administration stating person's name and full Social Security number
3. United States Military Identification Card
4. United States Military Form DD 214
5. Medicare/Medicaid Identification Card (if Social Security Number is followed by the letter A)
6. W-2 Tax Form with full SSN

Applicants must verify their Address of Principal Residence by providing any two of the following documents:

1. VALID Alabama DL/ID card displaying current Address of Principal Residence (Address must match 2nd document provided for proof of residence)
2. Voter Registration Card
3. Residential Mortgage Contract
4. Current Lease or Rental agreement for housing
5. Proof of payment of residential property tax (Homestead)
6. Previous year tax returns bearing applicants address
7. Vehicle registration bearing applicants name and address
8. Utility bill (Water, Gas, or Electric, cellular) less than 90 days old*
9. State or Federal Court documents with residence address
10. School enrollment documentation
11. Defense Department Form 214 (Report of Separation)
12. Sex offender registration documents
13. Current Homeowners insurance policy with name and address
14. Social Security benefits statements / summary mailed to physical address
15. U. S. or State Government check or other document mailed to applicant's physical address
16. Military Orders documenting duty station and place of residence

**If utility bills or other similar documents feature the name of applicant's spouse or parent, applicant must produce marriage certificate or birth certificate verifying residence address.*