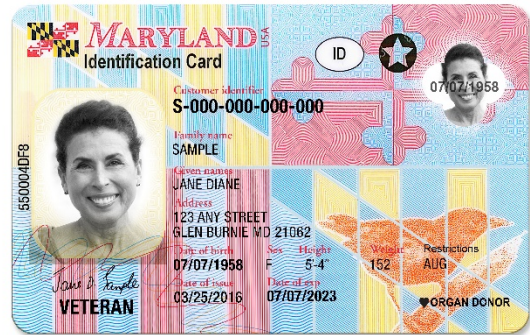# What is REAL ID?

REAL ID Is Here: Are You Ready?

REAL ID is federal legislation created in the wake of the September 11th terrorist attacks to establish security standards for all state driver's licenses and identification cards nationwide. After **October 1, 2020**, you will be required to have a REAL ID compliant driver's license or ID card in order to use your driver's license or ID card to board commercial aircraft for domestic flights or to gain access to federal facilities. To be considered REAL ID compliant, you must have the required documents on file with the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration (MDOT MVA). Customers are encouraged to make an appointment on the MDOT MVA website, and after collecting documentation visit a local branch to become REAL ID compliant.

HOW do I know if I need to submit documents?

You can determine your REAL ID status in two ways: Check your status by visiting our website and entering your driver's license/ID card number: www.mva.maryland.gov/realidlookup OR call 410-768-7000. Please note MDOT MVA will contact you regarding REAL ID through email and/or the U.S. Postal Service.

WHAT type of documentation is needed for REAL ID?

Customers will need to present the following documents* in person at an MDOT MVA branch during the renewal process:

- **One (1) proof of age and identity**
- **One (1) proof of Social Security**
- **Two (2) proofs of Maryland residency**

*A full list of acceptable documents and exceptions can be viewed in the MDOT MVA's Online Document Guide: www.mva.maryland.gov/odg

What if I no longer have or can't locate the required documents?

For those 65 years and older there is an exceptions process for those unable to locate their original birth certificate. Customers have the option of presenting a military discharge document (DD214)

with full name and date of birth, OR a Social Security Benefits statement and one of the following: U.S. Hospital Birth Certificate, U.S. Baptismal Certificate with name and date of birth, U.S. Census Record of birth, or U.S. Veteran ID card with name. Additionally, birth certificates can also be obtained through the Department of Vital Records in the state that you were born, visit: https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w/.

WHAT will happen to my documents?

You will only need to provide your documents to MDOT MVA once. An MDOT MVA customer service agent will securely scan your documents and provide them back to you in the same visit. Your documents will remain securely stored at MDOT MVA and will not be transferred to any other agency.

How can I make my REAL ID visit to MDOT MVA quick and simple?

To make your REAL ID visit as quick as possible it is highly recommended that customers make an appointment. To make an appointment, you'll need to follow the prompts through our Online Document Guide located at www.mva.maryland.gov/odg. On the dropdown box under: "I need" select: "to present REAL ID documents" and follow the prompts to collect one proof of age and identity, one proof of social security and two proofs residency – remember to scroll down to hit the "click to proceed" button to move you through the Online Document Guide. Once you've completed the guide you will be prompted to make an appointment.

Before you leave the house for your REAL ID appointment make sure to have all of your documents. If you have made an appointment, be sure to look for our appointment only check in sign when you arrive at MDOT MVA. Do not wait in the standard check-in line. Customers that make an appointment are guaranteed to be seen within 15 minutes of their scheduled appointment time.

For more information on REAL ID including a document guide, video tutorial, appointments and more visit: www.mva.maryland.gov/realid