

NEW RULES TO OBTAIN OR RENEW A MASSACHUSETTS DRIVER'S LICENSE

You will need documents showing U.S. citizenship or Lawful Presence as required by federal and state law to obtain or renew your driver's license.

There are two types of driver's licenses, a "REAL ID" and a standard license. The cost for each is the same. **Both require proof of U.S. citizenship or Lawful Presence.** Only the "REAL ID" can be used to board a plane in the U.S. or enter a federal building after October 2020. To obtain a "REAL ID" you must visit a Registry of Motor Vehicle ("RMV") Service Center in person.

A standard license can be obtained online.

First, you will need your social security number ("SSN") as shown on social security card, a W-2 form, SSA-1099 form, Non-SSA-1099 form, or paystub with your name and social security number. **Documents must display the full nine digits of the SSN.**

Applicants without a social security number must present a SSA denial notice, foreign passport, Visa if applicable, and I-94.

Second, you need one (1) lawful presence/date of birth document, such as U.S. Passport/Passport card; certified copy of U.S. birth certificate; Certificate of Citizenship; Certificate of Naturalization; Consular Report of Birth Abroad; Permanent Resident Card; Employment Authorization Card; or Foreign Passport with U.S. Visa affixed if applicable, and I-94 record.

Third, you need a Massachusetts residency document. Two (2) are needed for a REAL ID and one (1) for a standard license. Documents may include a MA RMV-issued document such as a renewal letter; State, federal, municipal, city, town or county agency-issued documents such as first class mail, professional license with photo, Medicaid statement, firearms card, jury duty summons, court correspondence, property tax, or excise tax dated within 60 days; Bills such as a utility bill, credit card statement, or medical statements dates within 60 days; Lease, mortgage, or rental Contract dated within 60 days; Financial-related documents such as a bank statement with image of personal checks, W-2, pension statement retirement statement, pay stub, SSA statement, or installment loan contract dated within 60 days; School-issued documents such as a school transcript, proof of enrollment, tuition bill, school record for the current year.

Documents MUST be originals. Be aware it can take a long time to obtain replacement documents.

You can contact the Registry of Motor Vehicles at (857) 368-8000 or go to [mass.gov/rmv](https://www.mass.gov/rmv)