



Frequently Asked Questions

What do I need to get a Real ID?

To obtain a Real ID-compliant credential you need original or certified copies of documentation proving your identity, your lawful status in the United States, your social security number, and your Indiana residency.

How do I prove my identity?

You need one document to prove your identity when upgrading to a Real ID-compliant credential. The most common documents that you can use to prove your identity are a United States birth certificate (must be an original or certified copy filed with a U.S. state or territory office of vital statistics or equivalent agency in your state of birth), a current United States passport or a foreign passport with a visa and I-94 form. Puerto Rican-born citizens must provide a birth certificate issued on or after July 1, 2010.

How do I prove my lawful status?

You need one document to prove your lawful status in the United States when upgrading to a Real ID-compliant credential. In most cases, the document you present to prove your identity will also prove your lawful status. The most common document you can use to prove your lawful status is a United States birth certificate (must be an original or certified copy filed with a U.S. state or territory office of vital statistics or equivalent agency in your state of birth), a current United States passport, or a foreign passport with a visa and I-94 form. Puerto Rican-born citizens must provide a birth certificate issued on or after July 1, 2010.

How do I prove my Social Security number?

You need one document to prove your Social Security number when upgrading to a Real ID-compliant credential. The most common documents you can use to prove your Social Security number are your Social Security card, a W-2 form, a SSA-1099 form, a non-SSA-1099 form, or a pay stub with your name and Social Security number on it.

How do I prove my Indiana residency?

You need two documents to prove your Indiana residency when upgrading to a Real ID-compliant credential. The most common documents you may use to prove your residency are computer-generated bills showing your name and address of residence from a utility company, credit card, doctor, or hospital. The bills must be issued within 60 days of your credential application.

Am I required to get a Real ID?

If you do not already have an Indiana credential and are applying for a new driver's license, learner's permit, or identification card then you are required to obtain a Real ID-compliant credential.

If you already hold an Indiana credential and are applying to renew, amend, or replace your current credential, you are not required, but are encouraged, to upgrade to a Real ID-complaint credential. If you choose not to upgrade you must sign a document stating that you are declining the upgrade and you will be given a non-compliant credential.

What is a non-compliant credential?

A non-compliant credential indicates you have not provided the documentation necessary to validate your identity, lawful status, Social Security number, and Indiana residency. Only individuals with a current Indiana credential are eligible to apply for a non-compliant credential.

What if I want to wait or can't find my documents?

If you have questions or trouble collecting your documents, you can call the BMV toll-free at 888-692-6841 and speak with a customer service representative for help, or you can visit any Indiana license branch for assistance.

If you have a current Indiana credential and you are having difficulty collecting your documents, or want to wait, you can apply for a non-compliant credential in order to drive and/or vote.