



State of South Carolina

Department of Motor Vehicles

Subject: REAL ID Implementation Update – July 28, 2017
Information for the General Assembly

With the passage of Act #6 of 2017, South Carolinians will have the option to purchase a REAL ID compliant license or identification card. The earliest the SCDMV will be able to issue the compliant card is in **early 2018**. The agency will update the General Assembly when a concrete date becomes available.

Extension Granted

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) granted South Carolina an enforcement extension until **October 10, 2017**. Historically, DHS has granted annual extension requests every October. The SCDMV is in the process of requesting the next extension and expects to be certified as fully compliant in early 2018.

Bring your documents now, and order online in the future

The SCDMV encourages everyone who knows they will want a REAL ID once one is available to bring the required documentation to any SCDMV now to avoid long lines. Approximately 23,000 people have taken advantage of this option since the SCDMV announced it in May. The SCDMV plans to allow anyone with the appropriate documents on file to order a REAL ID driver's license online once available. The SCDMV is unable to offer online ordering for Commercial Driver Licenses (CDLs) and identification cards. To qualify for online ordering, bring **all** of the following to a SCDMV office:

- Two Proofs of Current, Physical SC Address
- Proof of Identity, US Citizenship, and Date of Birth
- Proof of Social Security Number
- Proof of Any Legal Name Change(s) if applicable

The form listing the comprehensive options for each category is available by searching "MV-93" at www.scdmvonline.com. International Customers should search for the "MV-94" to learn about their documentation requirements.

If you applied for and received your **very first** SC beginner's permit, driver's license, or identification card **during or after November 2010**, you should **not** have to bring the documents listed above because the SCDMV already has them on file. You may call 803-896-5000 to check the status of your documents if you believe you fall into the category above.

You do **not** need a REAL ID to drive, vote, visit unsecure federal facilities (post office), access hospitals, participate in law enforcement proceedings, or receive benefits for which you are entitled (Veterans Affairs, Social Security, etc). You may use a different federally approved ID (such as a passport or a military ID) instead of a REAL ID to fly domestically.

Request a SCDMV representative to speak about REAL ID requirements

Would any groups in the community you represent like to request a SCDMV representative to answer questions relating to REAL ID? Please e-mail RealID@scdmv.net, and the agency will do its best to accommodate all requests.

The REAL ID information, including the SCDMV's Frequently Asked Questions and tri-fold brochure, is available on its website at <http://scdmvonline.com/Driver-Services/Drivers-License/REAL-ID>.

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