Secretary of State
Michigan.gov/SOS

You need a REAL ID-compliant document to fly in the U.S.

What is a REAL ID?

REAL ID can be any of the following:

- Your driver's license or ID card but only if it includes the REAL ID star in a gold circle or as part of an image of Michigan.
- Your enhanced driver's license or enhanced ID card
- A valid U.S. passport, passport card, or other document listed at TSA.gov

How will REAL ID affect me?

You must have a REAL ID-compliant document to board domestic flights and enter certain federal facilities, nuclear power plants and U.S. military bases. REAL ID is a federal law passed after 9/11.

Beginning Feb. 1, 2026, the Transportation Security Administration will offer travelers who lack a REAL ID an alternative identity verification option called TSA ConfirmID for a $45 fee, which will still allow them to fly. Learn more at tsa.gov/tsaconfirm-id.

Applying for a REAL ID driver's license or ID card

Schedule a visit at a Secretary of State office at Michigan.gov/SOS or by calling 888-SOS-MICH / (888) 767-6424. Bring the following to your office appointment:

1. Your driver's license or ID card.
2. Your certified birth certificate with a raised seal or stamp issued by a governmental agency; your valid, unexpired U.S. passport; or an approved citizenship or legal presence document. **Faxes and photocopies won't be accepted.**
3. If your name differs from what is on your birth certificate, bring certified documents for every time your name has changed, such as marriage licenses or court orders.
4. There is no additional fee for a standard REAL ID if you apply when renewing your license or ID card. If you apply for REAL ID at any other time, a duplicate card fee will be due.
5. There is an additional fee for an enhanced license or ID.

REAL ID

Are you ready for REAL ID?	Standard license/ID without a star	Standard license/ID with a star	Enhanced license/ID
Fly in the U.S.		✓	✓
Re-enter the U.S. by land or sea from Canada, Mexico, Bermuda or the Caribbean			✓
Enter federal facilities, nuclear power plants and U.S. military bases		✓	✓
Use it as identification	✓	✓	✓
Cash a check	✓	✓	✓
Purchase alcohol, tobacco, age-related products	✓	✓	✓
Rent a vehicle	✓	✓	✓

For more information about REAL ID, visit **Michigan.gov/REALID**