

Required Document Matrix

For individuals who are U.S. citizens or residents who are permanently lawfully present

To be issued a REAL ID compliant Colorado driver license, instruction permit or identification card, you must prove the following elements: your full legal name, identity, date of birth and lawful presence in the U.S. The chart below shows the documents that you may use to prove each of these elements. If an applicant has already established lawful presence and SSN with the State of Colorado previously, they do not need to re-establish lawful presence or SSN. All documents presented must be an unaltered original certified by the issuing agency, or a true copy certified by the issuing agency, excluding miniature, wallet sized, or photocopies of documents.

If the applicant cannot prove each of the required elements through the documents set forth in the chart below, then the applicant may request to go through Exceptions Processing.

All applicants who do not hold a valid Colorado driver license, identification card, or instruction permit must provide proof of their Social Security number or sign a sworn statement made under penalty of law that the applicant does not have a Social Security number. See reverse for a list of acceptable Social Security number documents.

All applicants must provide two documents proving their current residential address which includes a street address (except as provided in 1 CCR 204-30, Rule 6) unless their last issued Colorado driver license, identification card, or instruction permit shows their current residential address. A parent's current address indicated on their driver license or identification card is acceptable for a minor child under 21 years old. Applicants changing their address must submit two documents as well. See reverse for a list of acceptable address documents.

Document ¹	Elements			
	Identity	Date of Birth	Name ^{1, 2}	Lawful Presence
Stand Alone Documents (Real ID)				
CO Driver License or Permit (expired less than 10 years) ¹¹	X	X	X	X
CO ID card (expired less than 10 years) ^{10,11}	X	X	X	X
Out of state DL/ID with Enhancement indicator (unexpired) ^{2, 3}	X	X	X	X
U.S. Passport (unexpired) ^{2,13}	X ¹⁴	X ¹⁵	X ¹⁴	X ¹⁴
I-551 (Permanent Resident Card) verified by SAVE (unexpired) ¹⁷	X ¹⁸	X ¹⁵	X ¹⁸	X ¹⁶
Certificate of Naturalization w/ photo less than 20 years old ^{4,19}	X ^{4, 20}	X ¹⁵	X ²⁰	X ¹⁶
Certificate of Citizenship w/ photo ^{4, 21}	X ^{4, 22}	X ^{5, 15}	X ²²	X ¹⁶
OR				
You must provide any combination of documents that prove identity, date of birth and lawful presence in the U.S.				
Alternative Documents ¹	Identity	Date of Birth	Name ^{1, 2}	Lawful Presence
U.S. state or county issued birth certificate ^{9, 23} or Consular Report of Birth Abroad ²³		X ¹⁵	X ²⁵	X ¹⁶
Real ID Out of state DL/ID ^{2, 26}	X ²⁷	X ¹⁵	X ²⁷	
U.S. Passport (expired less than 10 yrs) ²⁸	X	X	X	
Certificate of Citizenship (no photo)		X ⁵	X	X
U.S. Adoption Order w/birth information ³¹		X	X	X
Military ID/Common Access Card w/photo (expired less than 10 yrs) ³³	X	X	X	
VA card w/photo (not older than 20 yrs) ³⁴	X	X ⁸	X	
Out of state DL/ID (expired less than 10 yrs) ¹⁶	X	X ⁸	X	
Bureau of Indian Affairs ID card w/photo (not older than 20 yrs) ³⁵	X	X	X	
Parent or legal guardian affidavit of identity (if under 21 years old) ³⁶	X ⁶			
An identity card issued by the Federal Bureau of Prisons or any state Department of Corrections ⁷	X ⁷	X ⁷	X ⁷	
Certificate of Naturalization without photo or with photo that is 20 years old or more ¹⁹		X	X	X

See reverse side for footnotes disclaimer and additional document list for address requirement.

- 1 The applicant's full legal name is the name on the applicant's document (i.e. birth certificate), unless it has been changed by court order, marriage, divorce, or adoption. A marriage certificate, divorce decree, separation decree, or name change order issued by a state or federal court or government may be used to document a name change.
- 2 Applicants who present U.S. passports, out of state driver's licenses and ID cards or Military IDs/Common Access Cards that do not bear the applicant's full legal name will be required to present an additional document (other than a U.S. school record or CO Dept. of Corrections/Federal Bureau of Prisons ID) that documents the applicant's full legal name.
- 3 If, on the face of the license or identification card presented, it says that it is an enhanced driver license or identification card, then it will be accepted as a lawful presence document.
- 4 Certificates of Naturalization or Citizenship with photos over 20 years old require an additional identity document with a photo.
- 5 Only if the Certificate of Citizenship shows the applicant's date of birth.
- 6 A parent or legal guardian who signs an affidavit of identity for a minor under 21 years old must also present an identity document from the list on the front of this form and prove they are the parent or legal guardian of the minor. Proof of lawful presence is not required for the signing parent or legal guardian.
- 7 An identity document issued by the Colorado Department of Corrections, or the Federal Bureau of Prisons, is acceptable provided the first and last name and date of birth match the first and last name and date of birth on the document presented as proof of lawful presence.
- 8 If there is a date of birth on this document then it may be used.
- 9 A certified copy of a birth certificate filed with a State or county (long form) Office of Vital Statistics or equivalent agency in the applicant's state of birth. Laminated birth certificates will not be accepted.
- 10 Not issued under the Colorado Road and Community Safety Act (CO-RCSA, Senate Bill 13-251).
- 11 The Applicant must have previously established lawful presence and SSN with the State of Colorado
- 12 1 CCR 204-30 Rule 6, 2.3.1
- 13 1 CCR 204-30 Rule 6, 2.3.2
- 14 6 CFR 37.11 (c)(1)(i)
- 15 6 CFR 37.11 (d)
- 16 6 CFR 37.11 (g)(1)
- 17 1 CCR 204-30 Rule 6, 2.3.5
- 18 6 CFR 37.11 (c)(1)(iv)
- 19 1 CCR 204-30 Rule 6, 2.3.6
- 20 6 CFR 37.11 (c)(1)(vii)
- 21 1 CCR 204-30 Rule 6, 2.3.7
- 22 6 CFR 37.11 (c)(1)(viii)
- 23 1 CCR 204-30 Rule 6, 2.3.3
- 24 1 CCR 204-30 Rule 6, 2.3.4
- 25 6 CFR 37.11 (c)(1)(iii)
- 26 1 CCR 204-30 Rule 6, 2.3.8
- 27 6 CFR 37.11 (c)(1)(ix)
- 28 1 CCR 204-30 Rule 16, 2.6.1.1
- 29 1 CCR 204-30 Rule 16, 2.7.1.1.2
- 30 1 CCR 204-30 Rule 6, 2.3.7
- 31 1 CCR 204-30 Rule 16, 2.7.1.1.1
- 32 1 CCR 204-30 Rule 1, 2.1.2.3 & 2.1.2.5
- 33 1 CCR 204-30 Rule 16, 2.6.1.3
- 34 1 CCR 204-30 Rule 16, 2.6.1.6
- 34 1 CCR 204-30 Rule 16, 2.6.1.5
- 35 1 CCR 204-30 Rule 16, 2.6.1.10
- 35 1 CCR 204-30 Rule 16, 2.6.1.7

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utility bill • Credit card statement • Pay stub or earnings statement • Transcript or report card from an accredited school • Bank statement • Mortgage document • Homeowner's/renter's insurance policy • Tax document | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle registration/title • Auto insurance • Rent receipt • Phone bill • Medical Bills • Retirement Statement • 1st Class Mail Postmarked |
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All applicants who do not hold a valid Colorado driver license, identification card, or instruction permit are required to provide their Social Security number by presenting one of the following documents:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Security Account Number card (not laminated) • W-2 form • SSA-1099 form | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-SSA-1099 form • Pay stub with the applicant's name and SSN on it |
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This document is created solely to assist applicants in understanding the identification rules for obtaining a Colorado driver license or identification card. This document does not supersede, alter, or amend the rules promulgated by the Department of Revenue; those rules contain the complete requirements and are available on the Department's web site at <http://www.colorado.gov/dmv>.