AMERICAN SAMOA REAL ID POLICY

Passed by Congress in 2005, the REAL ID Act complies with the 9/11 Commission’s recommendation that the federal government “set standards for the issuance of sources of identification, such as driver’s licenses.” The Act established minimum security standards for state-issued driver’s licenses and identification cards and prohibits federal agencies from accepting licenses and identification cards from states that do not meet these standards for official purposes, such as at airport security checkpoints. The regulations established the deadline of October 1, 2020, to ensure full enforcement of the REAL ID Act by that date. States have made considerable progress in meeting the key recommendation of the 9/11 Commission and every state has more secure driver’s license today before the passage of the Act.

THE REAL ID ACT OF 2005 REQUIRES THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS IN OBTAINING A NEW DRIVER LICENSE AND/OR ID CARD:

In obtaining a verified driver’s license or ID card you will need to provide valid/unexpired, original documents, or certified copies. Driver license and Learner permits from the U.S. States and Territories are transferable. Non-certified copies are not acceptable. The Office of Motor Vehicle (OMV) will scan and store images of all documents.

Two (2) forms of the same identification will not be accepted. If any documents presented is in a language other than English or Samoan, it must be translated by an OMV-Approved translator.

YOU MUST SATISFY ITEMS I, II, III AND IF APPLICABLE IV AND V.
I. IDENTIFY

**PRIMARY** document list

US born
- Certified U.S. Birth certificate or a certified Registration of Birth
- Valid, unexpired, U.S. passport or passport card

Non-US born
- Valid, unexpired, U.S. passport
- Foreign Passport with supporting document
- Certificate of Naturalization
- Certificate of Citizenship
- U.S. Consular Report proof of Birth Abroad (issued by the Department of State)

**FULL LEGAL NAME**

By law, the full name shown on the Primary document is your legal name and will be printed on your card. If your name is different than the Primary document see Name Change Documents section below. Subject to Verification using Systematic Alien Verification or Eligibility (SAVE).

**SECONDARY** documents
- Off-island U.S. State or U.S. Territory valid/unexpired U.S. photo driver’s license
- Off-island U.S. State or U.S. Territory valid/unexpired U.S. photo learner’s permit
- American Samoa Government (ASG) issued Identification cards
- (Your off-island issued U.S. driver’s license or ID card may be required to be surrendered)
- U.S. Military ID or dependent card with photo
- U.S. Military discharge/separation papers (DD-214)
- Court Order: Must contain full name and date of birth (i.e. name change, adoption, marriage certificates)
- Certified school transcript (school photo ID not acceptable)
- Social Security Card
- Baptism certificate or similar document
- State or Federal Employee ID with signature and photo and/or physical description with or without date of birth
- Employment Authorization card
- Veteran Health ID card (VHIC)
- Pilot’s License (issued by the U.S. DOT Federal Aviation Administration)
II. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

By law, you must present one of the following to prove your Social Security number. The 1099 or W-2 must show your full Social Security number and is only for proof or Social Security number, not identity.

- Social Security card
- W-2 form (issued within 5 years)
- 1099 (issued within 5 years)

Non-U.S. Citizens or U.S. Nationals not eligible for Social Security number must present proof of ineligibility from Social Security Administration (SSA)

III. AMERICAN SAMOA RESIDENCY

You must provide two (2) different pieces of mail from two (2) different sources to prove your home is located in American Samoa. The documents do not need to include a postmarked envelope and may have been sent to a P.O Box or by email. Both documents must:

- Show your name and your American Samoa Village or PO Box
- Be dated within 90 days (unless stated otherwise below)
  - Be computer generated (typed)

- Bill from a bank or mortgage company, utility company, doctor or hospital
- Bank statement or bank transaction receipt showing the bank’s name and Mailing address
- Pre-printed pay stub showing your employer’s name and address
- SSA or other pension or retirement annual summary statement and dated within the previous 12 months
- Current valid homeowner’s, renter’s policy or motor vehicle insurance card or policy dated within the previous months
- Current motor vehicle registration
- Current motor vehicle loan statement for a motor vehicle registered in your Name
- Residential mortgage or similar loan contract, lease or rental contract showing signatures from all parties needed to execute the agreement and dated within the previous 12 months
- Postmarked mail (if postmarked, address may be handwritten)
- American Samoa voter registration card
- Change-of-address confirmed from the United States Postal Service (USPS) showing your prior and current address (Form CNL107)
- Survey or your American Samoa property issued by a licensed surveyor
- Official school records showing enrollment
• Parents or legal guardian or minor (under 18) may provide any two of the foregoing
documents addressed to the parents residing at the same address to prove minor
residency, or use their own American Samoa driver’s license or ID which shows the same
address as one of the two required.

IV. LEGAL PRESENCE in the United States (Non-U.S. born)

Legal status will be verified using Systematic Alien Verification or Eligibility (SAVE) which may
take 10 business days or more.

• U.S. Passport or Passport Card
• I-94 and U.S. Visa
• I-551 Stamp in foreign passport
• Permanent Resident card or Resident Alien Card
• Employment Authorization card
• Refugee Travel Document
• B1/B2 requires Employment Authorization Card and verified Adjustment of Status
  Application
• F1 requires I-20 or Employment Authorization Card
• J1 requires DS2019

Non-U.S. Citizens not eligible for a Social Security number must present proof from Social
Security Administration and are not qualified for a verified driver’s license or ID card.

Only U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents are eligible for a verified driver’s license or ID card.

V. NAME CHANGE DOCUMENTS (if applicable)

• Marriage certificate
• Court name change document

If there have been multiple name changes, you must provide documentation to prove the
continuity of the names. Your new name must verify with Social Security Administration
(SSA).