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Flying with REAL ID-compliant identification

The identification requirements for flying within the US are changing October 1, 2020. Will your ID fly?

Here's some information to help make sure you're ready to fly when these new identification rules begin.

What is REAL ID?

In 2005, Congress passed the [REAL ID Act](#) to set nationwide security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards. It prohibits federal agencies like the TSA from accepting identification from states that do not meet these standards, including getting through an airport security checkpoint to board a plane.

Who needs a REAL ID-compliant identification to fly?

Starting October 1, 2020, every air traveler 18 years of age and older will need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license, state-issued enhanced driver's license, or another [acceptable form of ID](#) to fly within the United States.

Read through the [TSA's REAL ID site](#) for more details about this change.

How do I update my ID to make sure I can fly?

Every state's identification process is different. You have a few options:

- Visit this [Department of Homeland Security REAL ID page](#) to see basic information about your state's REAL ID program, or
- Click on your state in the list below learn more about how to get a REAL ID-compliant driver's license where you live.

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