



Beginning **Monday, May 16, 2011**, driver licenses (DL) and identification (ID) cards issued by the state of Ohio will be materially compliant with the REAL ID Act. This means that Ohio has met specific standards set forth by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and is committed to implementing the remaining REAL ID Act requirements.

REAL ID is a federal effort to help prevent terrorism and fraud by improving the integrity and security of DL and ID cards. In order for a state to issue REAL ID compliant driver licenses and ID cards, the state must meet a set of requirements put in place by the REAL ID Act of 2005 and must self certify its compliance to DHS.

Driver licenses and identification cards that are REAL ID materially compliant will have a solid gold star displayed in the header. There will be no additional requirements for BMV customers. Fees for an Ohio DL or Ohio ID card will not change. For a list of prices please refer to the fee chart on the BMV web site (www.bmv.ohio.gov), contact your local deputy registrar location, or call the BMV at 614-752-7500.

REAL ID FAQs

Q1. What is REAL ID?

A1. REAL ID is a federal effort to help prevent terrorism and fraud by improving the integrity and security of driver licenses (DL) and identification (ID) cards. In order for a state to issue REAL ID compliant DL and ID cards, the state must meet a set of requirements put in place by the REAL ID Act of 2005 and must self-certify its compliance to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Q2. What is Ohio's status regarding REAL ID?

A2. Beginning May 16, 2011, driver licenses and ID cards issued by the state of Ohio will be materially compliant with the REAL ID Act. This means that Ohio has met specific standards set forth by the DHS and is committed to implementing the remaining REAL ID Act requirements.

Q3. What does materially compliant mean?

A3. Materially compliant means the state has met specific standards and is moving toward implementing all of the REAL ID Act requirements in the future. Driver licenses and ID cards that are REAL ID materially compliant will have a solid gold star displayed in the header.

- Q4. What is the difference between a driver license or ID card that displays a gold star in the header and a driver license or ID card without a solid gold star in the header?**
- A4.** The card with a gold star displayed is materially compliant with the REAL ID Act and a card without a gold star displayed is not materially compliant with the REAL ID Act. The BMV has implemented internal procedures further securing the Ohio driver license and ID card. There will be no additional requirements for BMV customers.
- Q5. Will I have the option to get an Ohio driver license without the gold star?**
- A5.** No. Beginning May 16, 2011, all deputy registrar agencies statewide that currently issue driver licenses and ID cards will issue materially compliant driver licenses and ID cards displaying the solid gold star in the header. Driver licenses and ID cards without the gold star will no longer be issued after the close of business on May 14, 2011.
- Q6. Will I be required to immediately replace my current Ohio driver license or ID card with a materially compliant driver license or ID card with the solid gold star?**
- A6.** No. A REAL ID materially compliant driver license or ID card will be issued the next time a new driver license or ID card is needed (Renewal, Duplicate, etc.).
- Q7. Will I still be able to get my Ohio driver license or ID card at any deputy registrar location?**
- A7.** Yes. All deputy registrar agencies that currently issue driver licenses and ID cards will continue to issue driver licenses and ID cards over the counter.
- Q8. Will REAL ID affect how or where my personal information is stored or used?**
- A8.** No. There are no changes to how or where information is stored and used.
- Q9. Will I still be able to board a commercial aircraft or enter a federal facility after May 16, 2011, if I have an Ohio driver license or ID card without the solid gold star?**
- A9.** Yes.
- Q10. Will it cost more to get a materially compliant driver license or ID card?**
- A10.** No. Fees for a materially compliant Ohio driver license or Ohio ID card will not change. For a list of prices please refer to the fee chart on the BMV website (www.bmv.ohio.gov), contact your local deputy registrar location, or call the BMV at 614-752-7500.

Q11. Will the requirements to obtain a REAL ID materially compliant driver license or ID card be different than the current requirements?

A11. No. Current requirements will not change.

Q12. How long will the Ohio materially compliant driver license and ID card with the gold star be good for?

A12. The expiration rules will not change. The materially compliant driver license and ID card will still expire on the 4th birthday after the issue date. If renewed within 90 days of expiration, the driver license and ID card will be valid for four full years.

Q13. Does REAL ID affect all classes of driver licenses and ID cards?

A13. Yes. All classes of driver licenses and ID cards issued on or after May 16, 2011 will be materially compliant.

Q14. Will testing requirements change for materially compliant Ohio driver license or Ohio Temporary Instruction Permit Identification Card (TIPICS)?

A14. The testing requirements for renewing, obtaining a Temporary Instruction Permit Identification Card (TIPIC), driver license, out of state conversions, etc., will not change.

Q15. Does my full middle name have to be displayed on the materially compliant driver license or ID card?

A15. Your materially compliant driver license or ID card must include your full legal name. Your full legal name means the name as it is shown on the acceptable documentation presented at the BMV.

Q16. Where can I get more information?

A16. Customers may contact the BMV at 614-752-7500 for assistance.

Q17. Can I still renew my driver license through the mail if I am currently located out of state or country?

A17. Residents of Ohio who meet qualifications can renew their driver license through the mail to obtain a REAL ID materially compliant driver license if there are no changes to their name, date of birth, or Social Security Number. For more information about renewing through the mail, contact the BMV at 614-752- 7600.

