What to bring with you when you are renewing a Texas Driver License or Identification Card

To renew a non-commercial Texas driver license (DL) or identification card (ID) at your local driver license office, you must bring in the following documentation:

1. Application for Renewal
2. Proof of U.S. Citizenship (if you have not previously provided proof), or
3. Updated Evidence of Lawful Presence
4. Proof of Identity, and
5. Proof of Social Security Number

Additionally, you will be required to pay an issuance fee. If you are under the age of 18, you will have additional requirements which may be found here: http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/ApplyforLicense.htm

This checklist will help you identify what documents in each section you will need to bring to your local driver license office so that you may renew your DL or ID. Follow the directions listed for each section, and check the appropriate document(s) you have that you can bring with you.

Upon completing all sections, gather the documents you have checked and bring them to your local driver license office to begin the renewal process. If you would like to get in-line at your local driver license office prior to your arrival, simply go to our website and check in (not available at all locations): http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/

Section 1. Proof of Identity

A. Acceptable Identification Document List. Documents must be original or a copy certified by the issuing agency. No photocopies are accepted.

Check one document you have from this section. This will be your proof of identity.

- Texas DL or ID within two years of expiration
- US Citizenship Certificate or Certificate of Naturalization with identifiable photo (N-550, N-560, N-561, N-570, or N-578)
- Unexpired US passport book or passport card
- Unexpired US military photo ID card for active duty, reserve, or retired personnel
- Foreign passport, visa* (valid or expired), and I-94

Unexpired Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) photo ID. Examples include:

- US citizen Identification card (I-179 or I-197)
- Machine-Readable Immigrant Visa (MRIV) with temporary I-551 language and Alien Documentation, Identification and Telecommunications System (ADIT) stamp
- I-94 stamped “Sec. 208 Asylee” with photo
- Valid refugee travel letter with photo and stamped by US Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
- American Indian card (I-872)
- Permanent Resident card (I-551)
- Employment Authorization card “EAD” (I-766)
- Advance parole document with photo (I-512 or I-512L)
- I-94 stamped “Sec. 207 Refugee” with photo
- Northern Mariana card (I-873)
- A birth certificate or birth record issued by the appropriate State Bureau of Vital Statistics or equivalent agency from a US state or local government, a US territory, the District of Columbia, or a Canadian province
- For U.S. citizens born abroad, a certificate of Report of Birth (DS-1350 or FS-545) or Consular Report of Birth (FS-240) issued by the U.S. Department of State
- A court order with name and date of birth indicating an official change of name and/or gender from a US state, a US territory, the District of Columbia, or a Canadian province
☐ Temporary receipt for a Texas DL or ID (actual receipt)
☐ DL or ID issued by another US state, US territory, District of Columbia, or Canadian province (unexpired or within two years of the expiration date – actual card)*
☐ Pilot’s license (actual card)*
☐ Unexpired US military dependent ID card (actual card)
☐ Veteran’s ID or Health Identification card “VHIC” (actual card)
☐ Voter registration card (actual card)*
☐ W-2 or 1099 form
☐ Current Texas motor vehicle registration or title (TRC 521.144)
☐ ID card issued by government agency*
☐ Hospital-issued birth record*
☐ Immunization records*
☐ A valid Consular document issued by a state or national government
☐ Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) parole or mandatory release certificate
☐ Federal inmate ID card
☐ Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB)

*Document must be issued by an institution, entity or government agency from a US state, a US territory, the District of Columbia, or a Canadian province.

Section 2. Proof of U.S. Citizenship or Lawful Presence

If you are a United States Citizen and have already presented this documentation to the Department, you may skip this section and proceed to Section 3. If you have a Limited-Term Texas driver license, you will be required to present updated evidence of lawful presence. Most documents will be verified through the US Department of Homeland Security’s SAVE Program. Verification through SAVE is often instantaneous, but when it is not, receipt of the DL/ID may be delayed for up to 30 days.

Check one document you have from this list that contains your full legal name. This will be your proof of U.S. Citizenship or Lawful Presence in the United States.

☐ Birth certificate or birth record issued by the appropriate State Bureau of Vital Statistics or equivalent agency from a US state or local government, a US territory, or the District of Columbia
☐ US Passport Book or Passport card
☐ Permanent Resident card (I-551)
☐ I-94 stamped “Sec. 208 Asylee” or “Sec. 207 Refugee”
☐ Employment Authorization Card “EAD” (I-766)
☐ US Department of State Certificate of Birth Abroad issued to US citizens born abroad (Form FS-240, DS-1350, or FS-545)
☐ Machine Readable Immigrant Visa with temporary I-551 language and ADIT stamp
☐ I-20 Non-immigrant students (F-1)
☐ Non-student documents with alien number or I-94 number
☐ US Citizen Identification card (I-179 or I-197)
☐ I-94
☐ US Travel Document (I-327 or I-571)
☐ I-551 stamp in foreign passport
☐ US Citizenship Certificate or Certificate of Naturalization (N-550, N-560, N-561, N-570, or N-578)
☐ Student documents with Student Exchange and Visitor Information System (SEVIS) number
☐ DS-2019 Exchange Visitor (J-1) certificate
Section 3. Proof of Social Security Number

You will be asked to confirm your social security number. If the number is not already a part of your driver record, then you must provide documents to verify your social security number.

Check one document you have from this list. This will be your proof of social security.

| ☐ | Social Security Card | ☐ | W-2 |
| ☐ | SSA-1099 Form | ☐ | A non-SSA-1099 Form |
| ☐ | Paystub containing your legal name and social security number |

If you cannot provide one of the documents listed above, you must provide one of the following provided it contains your pre-printed social security number:

| ☐ | Military identification (active, reserve, and dependent status) |
| ☐ | Certificate of release or Discharge of Active Duty (DD-214) |
| ☐ | Certified college/university transcript designating number as SSN |
| ☐ | Health insurance card with Social Security Number |
| ☐ | Veteran’s Administration card with Social Security Number |
| ☐ | Pilot’s License with Social Security Number |

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