Both documents may be from the same source if the source is a local governmental entity that provides multiple residential services. You cannot show mail that is addressed to you with a forwarding address label or an adhesive address label on the envelope. If you are unable to provide two documents from the list, you may submit a Texas residency affidavit from someone who resides at the same address along with proper identification and two documents for proof of residency. For affidavit requirements, visit us at www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/ResidencyReqNonCDL.htm or ask a driver license office employee.

Moving to Texas

Once you move to Texas, you can continue driving with your valid, unexpired driver license from another state or country for up to 90 days. This will provide you with the opportunity to visit your local driver license office at your convenience within those 90 days to obtain your Texas driver license. Continuing to drive in Texas beyond the 90 days without a Texas driver license is unlawful, and you can be given a citation.

To obtain your Texas driver license, you will be required to apply in person at your local driver license office. Using the information found within this brochure, collect the required documents and bring them with you when you visit your local driver license office. All driver license office services require an appointment. Visit www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/appointments.htm to review important information and to schedule your appointment.

Additional information on applying for a Texas driver license, including the ability to print a customized checklist, may be found at www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/ApplyForLicense.htm.
The mission of the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is to protect and serve Texas. Driver licenses (DL) and identification cards (ID) issued by the DPS Driver License Division are a key link to public safety, privacy, and national security. Many medical and financial institutions, retailers, governmental entities, and other various organizations accept a state-issued DL and ID for purposes of confirming your identity so you have access to the services you need. To reduce your exposure to identity theft and fraud, ensuring the validity of the information and documentation you provide for the issuance of your DL or ensuring the validity of the information and documentation you provide for the issuance of your DL or ID card is to protect and serve Texas.

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Satisfy the following requirements, and you'll be ready to apply for your Texas DL or ID card!

**Proof of U.S. Citizenship or Lawful Presence**

If you are a U.S. citizen, lawful permanent resident (Immigrant), refugee, asylee, or non-immigrant, you must provide proof of your lawful presence in the United States. Most documents will be verified through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s SAVE Program. Verification is often instantaneous, but when it is not, receipt of the DL/ID may be delayed for up to 30 days.

**Examples of documents to verify lawful presence include:**
- Original or certified copy of a birth certificate issued by a State Bureau of Vital Statistics or equivalent agency from a U.S. state, a U.S. territory or the District of Columbia
- Valid, unexpired U.S. passport book or U.S. passport card
- U.S. Citizenship Certificate or Certificate of Naturalization with identifiable photo (N-550, N-560, N-561, N-570 or N-578)
- U.S. citizen identification card (I-179 or I-197)
- Original or certified copy of a U.S. Department of State issued Consular Report of Birth Abroad (DS-1350, FS-240, or FS-545)
- Valid, unexpired Permanent Resident card (I-551)
- Valid, unexpired U.S. passport book or U.S. passport card stating, ‘The Bearer is a U.S. National and not a U.S. Citizen’
- Unexpired employment authorization document (EAD), (I-766)
- Machine Readable Immigrant Visa with temporary I-551 language and an Alien Documentation, Identification and Telecommunications System (ADIT) stamp
- Advance parole document with photo (I-512 or I-512L)
- I-94 stamp “Sec. 208 Asylee” with photo
- I-94 stamp “Sec. 207 Refugee” with photo
- Valid refugee travel letter with photo and stamped by US Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
- American Indian card (I-872)
- Northern Mariana card (I-873)
- Valid, unexpired foreign passport with visa* attached and a valid I-94
* Citizens of the Republic of Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, and certain Canadian non-immigrants are not required to obtain a visa to enter the USA. The visa requirement for these applicants will be waived.

If you cannot show a document from the Primary Identification Documents list, you can present either two documents from the Secondary Identification Documents list below or one document from the Secondary Identification Documents list and two documents from the Supporting Identification Documents list below.

**Secondary Identification Documents**
- Original or certified copy of a birth certificate issued by a State Bureau of Vital Statistics or equivalent agency from a U.S. state, a U.S. territory, the District of Columbia or a Canadian province
- Original or certified copy of a U.S. Department of State issued Consular Report of Birth Abroad (DS-1350, FS-240 or FS-545)
- Original or certified copy of a court order with name and date of birth indicating an official change of name and/or gender from a U.S. state, a U.S. territory, the District of Columbia, or a Canadian province

**Supporting Identification Documents**
- Temporary receipt for a Texas DL or ID (actual receipt)
- Expired Texas DL or ID (expired more than two years—actual card)
- DL or ID issued by another U.S. state, U.S. territory, District of Columbia, or Canadian province (unexpired or unexpired within two years of the expiration date - actual card)†
- ID card issued by government agency†
- Pilot’s license (actual card)†
- Concealed handgun license or license to carry (actual card)†
- Voter registration card (actual card)†
- Professional license issued by Texas state agency
- W-2 or 1099 form
- School records (e.g. report cards, photo ID cards, etc.†)
- Military records (e.g., DD-214, DD-215, NGB-22)
- Unexpired U.S. military dependent ID card (actual card)†
- Veteran Health Identification card (VHIC—actual card)
- Veteran ID card issued by U.S. Dept of Veterans Affairs
- Selective Service card (actual card)†
- Original or certified copy of a marriage certificate or divorce decree. If not in English, a certified translation must be provided.
- Any insurance policy (valid continuously for the past two years)
- Current Texas motor vehicle registration or title (TRC 521.144)
- Current Texas boat registration or title
- Hospital-issued birth record†
- Medicare or Medicaid card (actual card)
- Immigration records†
- Unexpired foreign passport
- A valid Consular document issued by a state or national government
- Federal parole or release certificate
- Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) parole or mandatory release certificate
- Texas inmate ID card or similar form of ID issued by TDCI
- Federal inmate ID card
- Tribal membership card from a federally recognized tribe
- Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB)
- Social Security card (actual card)
† 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.

**Name Change Documents**

Any documents you bring to prove your identity must show the same name and date of birth. If they do not, you must present additional supporting documents — such as a marriage certificate, divorce decree, or court-ordered name change — to demonstrate the reason for the differences in names and/or dates of birth.