

What do I need to get the REAL ID in New Jersey?

To obtain a REAL ID driver's license or identification card in New Jersey, you must present original and valid documents that prove your identity, legal status in the United States, Social Security number, and New Jersey residency. All documents must be in good condition.

Below we explain the options you can provide in each category to ensure your visit to the MVC is quick, accurate, and error-free.

1. Proof of New Jersey Residency (2 required)

- Valid NJ driver license or ID card (or MVC renewal form with your address)
- Utility or credit card bill issued within the past 90 days
- Bank or credit union statement issued within the past 60 days
- Original and current lease or rental agreement
- IRS tax bill, statement, or letter received in the past year
- Government agency mail received in the past 6 months
- If under 18: Parent or guardian certification of address

2. Proof of Social Security Number (1 required)

- Social Security card
- Entering the full SSN on the application form (MVC will verify it electronically)
- Pay stub with your full name and complete SSN
- W-2 or 1099 form issued within the past year

3. Identity verification - 6-point system (minimum required)

You must gather at least 6 points by combining one primary document and one or more secondary documents. You cannot use more than two 1-point documents.

Primary Documents (choose only one - all worth 4 points):

- Valid U.S. passport or passport card
- Certified U.S. or U.S. territory birth certificate
- U.S. Department of State birth certificate (Forms FS-545 or DS-1350)
- U.S. Consular Report of Birth Abroad (Form FS-240)
- Certificate of Naturalization (Forms N-550, N-578, N-570)
- Certificate of Citizenship (Forms N-560, N-561)
- Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551 - with or without expiration date)
- Valid foreign passport with visa and I-94 form
- Valid Employment Authorization Card (Forms I-688B or I-766)

Secondary Documents:

1 point:

- Standard driver license from NJ or another U.S. state/territory
- Standard non-driver ID card (NJ only)
- Social Security card
- Bank statement (last 60 days)
- ATM/debit card with printed name and signature
- Health insurance or prescription card with name
- Employee ID with pay stub
- State professional license
- NJ public assistance card with photo
- High school diploma, GED, or college degree
- NJ municipal property tax statement or receipt
- NJ high school written test waiver certificate
- Veterans Administration universal access photo ID card

2 points:

- Valid federal government employee license
- Valid federal photo ID
- Military discharge papers (Form DD-214)
- FAA pilot license
- U.S. school or college photo ID with transcript
- Court order for legal name change

3 points:

- Marriage/civil union certificate or divorce decree
- U.S. adoption papers
- Valid U.S. military photo ID (includes dependents and retirees)
- NJ firearm purchaser card
- Valid REAL ID license or ID from another state