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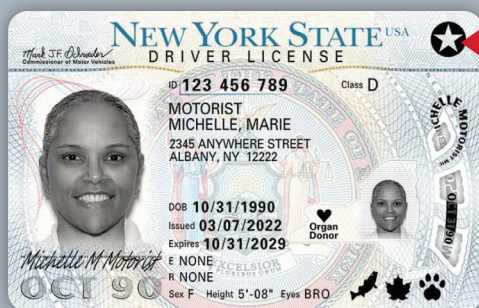
What is a **REAL ID**?

A **REAL ID** is a federally accepted form of identification that meets stricter security standards, as required by the federal government. It's an upgraded version of your standard driver's license or ID card.

How is a **REAL ID** different from my current ID?

While your current New York State ID or driver's license is still valid for most state purposes, a **REAL ID** is required for:

- Domestic air travel
- Access to federal facilities (like military bases or federal courthouses)
- Certain other federal services



The main difference between a standard ID and a **REAL ID** is the **black star** in the upper right corner of the card. This star indicates that the ID meets federal security requirements.

How to Get Your **REAL ID**

Getting your **REAL ID** is simple! Here's how to apply:

1. **Visit your local DMV:** You can schedule an appointment online or walk in, depending on availability.
2. **Bring required documents:** You will need:
 - Proof of identity (e.g., passport, birth certificate)
 - Proof of Social Security number (e.g., Social Security card, tax form)
 - Proof of New York State residence (e.g., utility bill, bank statement)
3. **Pay the application fee:** There may be a fee for upgrading your license.

For full details and to make an appointment, visit the **New York State DMV website** at <https://dmv.ny.gov/driver-license/enhanced-or-REAL-ID>.

Key Dates

- **Deadline to upgrade:** All travelers must have a **REAL ID** or another federally approved ID by **MAY 7th**.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out. The **REAL ID** will ensure you are ready for federal travel and access without any interruptions. Don't wait until the last minute – upgrade today!

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