

EARLY RENEWAL QUESTIONS

If a Minnesotan renews their license between now and October 2020:

- The renewed license will be valid for four years, barring a suspension or revocation.
- They will be able to apply for a REAL ID.
- If they choose to apply for a REAL ID before their standard license expires, an early renewal fee would be charged and an additional four years would be added to the expiration date.

The cost for a REAL ID is the same as a standard driver's license or ID card.

The early renewal fee, set in Minnesota law, is based on how many months the REAL ID is obtained before a person's driver's license or ID card expires.

- \$2 for a renewal up to 17 months before expiration.
- \$4 for a renewal 18-29 months before expiration.
- \$6 for a renewal more than 29 months before expiration.

EARLY RENEWAL EXAMPLES

If someone with a February 2018 expiration on their driver's license renewed at that time and decides to obtain a REAL ID driver's license before their new card expires in 2022:

- They will pay the standard fee plus a \$6 early renewal fee to renew in December 2018. Their new REAL ID would expire in February 2026.
- They will pay the standard fee plus a \$4 early renewal fee to renew in June 2020. Their new REAL ID would expire in February 2026.
- They will pay the standard fee plus a \$2 early renewal fee to renew in January 2021. Their new REAL ID would expire in February 2026.

The optional
REAL ID-compliant cards
are available.



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**MINNESOTA
DRIVER'S
LICENSE AND ID
OPTIONS**

REAL ID, ENHANCED DRIVER'S LICENSE AND STANDARD DRIVER'S LICENSE. WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Minnesotans can apply for a standard, enhanced or REAL ID-compliant driver's license or ID card now. Determining which type of license or ID card works best depends on what the card is needed for.

STANDARD DRIVER'S LICENSE OR ID CARD

Now:

- These can be used as a valid form of identification and for lawful driving privileges.
- These cards are also an acceptable form of ID for domestic air travel and to access federal facilities.

Beginning Oct. 1, 2020:

- While these cards will continue to be a valid form of identification, they will not be accepted for domestic air travel or access to federal facilities.
- Another form of identification, such as a valid passport or Enhanced Driver's License, will be required for air travel or access to federal facilities.

ENHANCED DRIVER'S LICENSE (EDL) OR ENHANCED ID CARD (EID)

Now and after October 1, 2020:

- These can be used as a valid form of identification and for lawful driving privileges.
- EDLs and EIDs can be used as a border crossing document to re-enter the U.S. by land and sea from Canada, Mexico, and some countries in the Caribbean.
- They can also be used for domestic air travel and to access federal facilities.
- These are only issued to U.S. Citizens. (Learn more on the DPS-DVS website.)

REAL ID-COMPLIANT DRIVER'S LICENSE OR ID CARD

Now and after October 1, 2020:

- REAL ID-compliant cards can be used for domestic air travel and to access federal facilities.
- These cards can be used as a valid form of identification and for lawful driving privileges.
- These cards cannot be used as border crossing documents.

Minnesotans can use their standard driver's license or ID card to board a domestic flight until Oct. 1, 2020. Starting Oct. 1, 2020, a REAL ID, enhanced driver's license or ID, or passport will be required for those wanting to board domestic flights or enter federal facilities. Additional information comparing these identification options can be found on [REALID.dps.mn.gov](https://realid.dps.mn.gov).