Know Before You Go

The Real Difference Between REAL ID and Federal Non-Compliant

REAL ID Driver License/Identification Card

- To get one, you must visit a DMV office and bring:
  - One Proof of Identity
  - One Proof of Social Security Number
  - Two Proofs of California Residency
- Use it to fly within the U.S.
- Use it to enter secure federal facilities.
  (EX: federal courthouses, military bases)
- Features a bear and star.

Federal Non-Compliant Driver License/ID Card

- May renew online without going to a DMV office.*
- **NOT** allowed to board an airplane starting October 1, 2021.
- **NOT** allowed to enter secure federal facilities starting October 1, 2021.
- May require showing further evidence of legal presence to purchase a firearm.
- Indicates “FEDERAL LIMITS APPLY”

If you do not choose a REAL ID card, you will be issued the federal non-compliant driver license or identification card.

For more information visit [REALID.dmv.ca.gov](http://REALID.dmv.ca.gov)

*Certain customers may be required to renew in person. Check your DMV renewal paperwork to see if this applies.