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Formatting Change to Illinois Driver's License/ID Cards - REAL ID

The Illinois Secretary of State's office has begun a pilot phase of issuing REAL ID Act-compliant driver's licenses and identification cards (DL/IDs) at select Driver Services facilities. REAL ID-compliant cards will have a gold star emblem in the right corner (see below example). Residents who do not want to apply for a REAL ID-compliant card may apply for a standard DL/ID. Newly issued standard DL/IDs that do not comply with requirements of the federal REAL ID Act will be marked with the phrase "Federal Limits Apply" near the top of the card, as called for by the federal law (see below example).

Both REAL ID Act-compliant DL/IDs and newly issued standard DL/IDs will be recognized as official state documents for driving and identification purposes.

Real ID Example



Standard DL/ID example



For additional information on REAL ID, visit: <https://realid.ilsos.gov>

Please direct questions about the new formatting to the SOS Police Inquiry Unit (217-785-0309).

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