What is REAL ID?

Passed by Congress in 2005, the REAL ID Act enacted the 9/11 Commission's recommendation that the Federal Government “set standards for the issuance of sources of identification, such as driver's licenses.” The Act established minimum security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards and prohibits Federal agencies from accepting for official purposes licenses and identification cards from states that do not meet these standards. States have made considerable progress in meeting this key recommendation of the 9/11 Commission and every state has a more secure driver’s license today than before the passage of the Act.

Starting October 10, 2015, visitors seeking access to military bases and almost all Federal facilities using their state-issued driver’s licenses or identification cards must present proper identification issued by REAL ID compliant states or a state that has received an extension. When planning a visit to a Federal facility or military base, visitors should contact the facility to determine what identification will be accepted.

Yes. State Enhanced Driver's Licenses (EDLs) designated as acceptable border-crossing documents by DHS under the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative are acceptable for official federal purposes such as accessing a Federal facility or boarding a commercial aircraft. Individual agency policies may still apply.

Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Vermont, and Washington are the only states that currently issue EDLs. For more information on EDLs, please go to www.dhs.gov/enhanced-drivers-licenses-what-are-they.

Noncompliant States/Territories without Extensions:

- Am.Samoa
- Illinois
- Minnesota+
- Missouri
- Washington+

+ Federal officials may continue to accept Enhanced Driver's Licenses from these states.

The attendees from the above states must present another form of ID such as:

- Driver's license issued by the US Department of State
- State buildings photo identity cards (PIV card)
- U.S. passport
- U.S. passport card
- DHS trusted traveler cards (Global Entry, NEXUS, SENTRI, FAST)
- U.S. military ID (active duty or retired military and their dependents, and DoD civilians)
- Permanent resident card
- Border crossing card
- DHS-designated enhanced driver's license
- Airline or airport-issued ID (if issued under a TSA-approved security plan)
- Federally recognized, tribal-issued photo ID
- HSPD-12 PIV card
- Foreign government-issued passport
- Canadian provincial driver's license or Indian and Northern Affairs Canada card
- Transportation worker identification credential
- Identification card issued by local government (including county or city) containing a photograph, name, and expiration date
- University, library or school card containing a photograph, name, and expiration date


All visitors to the HUD building (with few exceptions) are required to go through the magnetometers. All bags and cell phones will go through the linescans.

If attendees are bringing in personal equipment (e.g., laptop computers) they will be required to have a property pass when leaving the building, please e-mail message to TRACS@hud.gov with subject “HUD Property Pass Request” to request a property pass for your laptop.

TRACS Industry Working Group Registration

March 31, 2016 is the last day to register for the meeting on April 7, 2016:

HUD Headquarters Building
451 7th Street, S.W.
Brooke-Mondale Auditorium
Washington, DC 20410

Please go to https://web.psi-it.com/TracsRegistration/survey/registration.asp for participant registration.