

EARLY RENEWAL QUESTIONS

If a Minnesotan renews his or her license between now and October 2018:

- The renewed license will be valid for four years, barring a suspension or revocation.
- They will be able to apply for a REAL ID once they are available in October.
- 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 (\$25.25) or ID card (\$19.25).

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 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 renews their license this month and then decides to obtain a REAL ID driver's license in:

- December 2018 — they will pay \$25.25 plus a \$6 early renewal fee. Their new REAL ID would expire in February 2026.
- June 2020 — they will pay \$25.25 plus a \$4 early renewal fee. Their new REAL ID would expire in February 2026.
- January 2021 — they will pay \$25.25 plus a \$2 early renewal fee. Their new REAL ID would expire in February 2026.

Minnesotans whose driver's licenses or identification cards expire before October 2018 should plan to renew their cards as they normally would. The optional REAL ID-compliant cards will not be available in Minnesota until October 2018.



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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 or enhanced driver's license or ID card now and will have the option of applying for a REAL ID-compliant card in October 2018. 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 Oct. 10, 2018:

- 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.)

COMING OCTOBER 2018 REAL ID-COMPLIANT DRIVER'S LICENSE OR ID CARD

After Oct. 10, 2018:

- When they become available in Minnesota, REAL ID-compliant cards will be an accepted form of identification 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.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security informed DPS-DVS Minnesotans should be able to use their standard driver's license or ID card for domestic air travel until 2020 since the state is on track to issue REAL ID-compliant cards Oct. 1, 2018. Additional information comparing these identification options can be found on dps.mn.gov.