

Acceptable Forms of Identification Guide

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All USAccess PIV card applicants are required to provide identification at the time of Enrollment. This guidance is provided to clarify the Identity Proofing requirements for USAccess PIV cards and to follow **FIPS 201-3** standards.

You must have **two** physical and current forms of identification: **at least one must be a [primary form](#) of ID.**

If the names on your forms of ID do not match, you may need to bring the appropriate linking documentation, such as a marriage license or court order, that shows the change in names. If your name will soon change, contact your sponsor to learn what to do.

Primary Form

You can bring two of these, but **you must have at least one:**

- U.S. passport or passport card
- Permanent resident card or alien registration receipt card (Form I-551)
- Foreign passport
- Employment authorization document with a photo (Form I-776)
- States-issued, Real ID compliant driver's license or ID card
- U.S. military ID card
- U.S. military dependent's ID card
- PIV card

Secondary Form

Bring one of these, unless you have two primary forms.

- U.S. Social Security card (not laminated)
- Original or certified copy of a birth certificate issued by a state, county, municipal authority, or outlying possession of the United States with an official seal
- Voter registration card
- U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner card
- Certificate of U.S. citizenship (Form N-560 or N-561)
- Certificate of naturalization (Form N-550 or N-570)
- U.S. citizen ID card (Form I-197)
- ID card for use by a resident citizen in the United States (Form I-179)
- Certification of birth abroad or certification of report of birth issued by the Department of State (Form F-545 or Form DS-1350)
- Employment authorization document issued by Department of Homeland Security (Form I-766)
- Driver's license issued by a Canadian government entity
- Native American tribal document
- Veteran Health Identification Card
- Agency ID badge issued by federal, state, or local government agency or entity with a photo — not a facility access badge
- Another piece of evidence that meets the requirements of SP 800-63A [PDF]

Unacceptable Forms

Identity documents that will **not** be accepted include:

- Student ID card (from any university)
- Company ID card
- Gun or firearms permit
- License to carry
- Medical marijuana card
- Hunting or fishing permit
- Facility badge
- Temporary driver's licenses
- Selective service card
- Foreign driver's license (other than Canada)
- Library card
- Temporary PIV card
- Marriage license (but this can be shown when there are different names on a birth certificate and a current driver's license, for example)

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EXAMPLES

Primary	Secondary	Result
State-issued REAL ID driver's license or ID card	U.S. Social Security card	Acceptable
U.S. passport	State-issued Real ID driver's license or ID card	Acceptable
U.S. military ID card	Department of State ID card	Acceptable
U.S. Social Security card	Voter registration card	Unacceptable (no primary form)
State-issued Real ID driver's license or ID card	State-issued Real ID card	Unacceptable (standard driver's license or ID card is one primary form)
Expired PIV card	State-issued Real ID driver's license or ID card	Unacceptable (none can be expired)

LINKING DOCUMENTS

Linking documents, such as a marriage license or divorce decree, must contain both the previous and current names.

Primary	Secondary	Linking document	Result
State-issued Real ID driver's license with maiden name	U.S. military dependent ID card with married name	Marriage certificate with both names on it	Acceptable
U.S. passport with married name	State-issued Real ID driver's license or ID card with maiden name	Court record linking the two names	Acceptable

Appendix: ID Card Type Examples REAL ID Compliant Driver's License & ID

REAL ID Driver's License Markings:

-  Gold Star
-  Black Star
-  Star cutout in gold circle
-  Star cutout in black circle
-  Star cutout in gold grizzly bear



Michigan has either a star cutout or star cutout in Michigan



Maine has a star cutout in Maine

Enhanced Driver License Markings (also acceptable):



New York
Top Center

Washington
Top Right

Michigan
Top Left



Vermont
Top Center



Minnesota
Top Right

U.S. Passport



U.S. Passport Card



Passport Card front and back

Employment Authorization Document (Card) with photograph (Form I-688)



Employment Authorization Document (Card) with photograph (Form I-766)

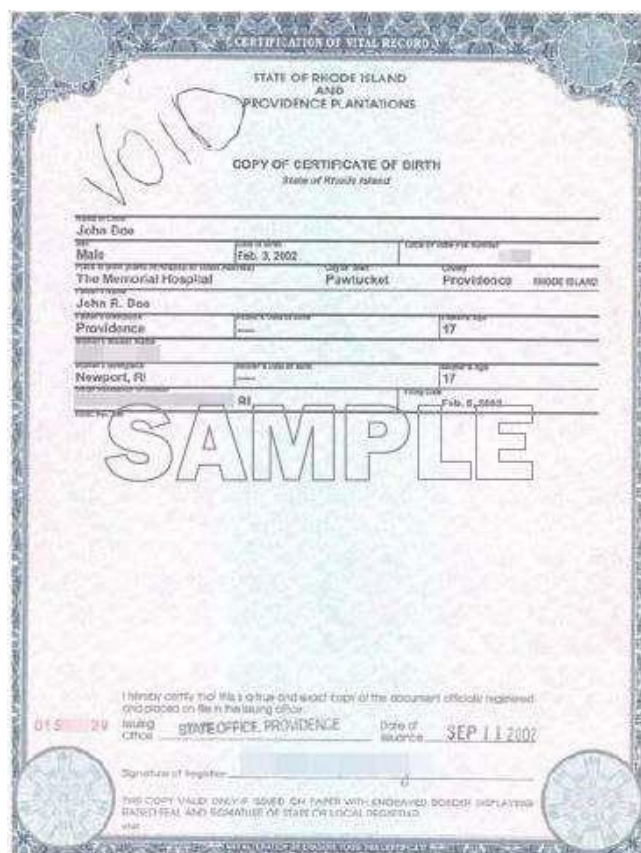


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Certificate of Naturalization (Form N-550 or N-570)



Birth Certificate Issued by State



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Certification of Birth Abroad Issued by the U.S. Department of State

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Certification of Birth Abroad
of a Citizen of the United States of America

This is to certify that according to records on file in this Office

Sex MALE Date of Birth 20 SEP 1950 Place of Birth YOKOHAMA, JAPAN

on AUGUST 16, 1950 Record of Birth recorded on SEPTEMBER 29, 1950

In Witness Whereof, I have heretofore subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the Consular Service of the United States of America at SAHA, JAPAN

this 14TH day of SEPTEMBER 1950

(SEAL) _____
CONSUL of the United States of America

WARNING: This certificate is not valid if it has been altered in any way whatsoever or if it does not bear the correct seal of the office of issuance.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Certification of Report of Birth
of a United States Citizen

This is to certify that the birth of IMA SAMPLE Sex FEMALE
born at DESOLATION MONGOLIA
on APRIL 1, 1950 was registered with the Consular Service of the United States and a
Consular Report of Birth was issued at DESOLATION, MONGOLIA
on SEPTEMBER 10, 1950

Father DAEDY SAMPLE Mother MOMMY SAMPLE
Date of Birth APRIL 1, 1950 Date of Birth APRIL 1, 1950

CONDOLIZZA RICE
Secretary of State
Authentication Office, Washington, D.C.
OCTOBER 27, 2004
Date

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TSA Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC)



DHS Trusted Traveler Cards

