REAL ID
IF YOU DON’T HAVE THE STAR, YOU WON’T GO FAR

GET AHEAD OF May 3, 2023

Beginning May 3, 2023, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security will officially begin enforcing the REAL ID Act of 2005. This means that a traditional driver’s license will no longer be accepted through airport security and all Americans will be required to present REAL ID-compliant identification to go through airport security and enter federal facilities.

WHAT MAKES A REAL ID REAL?
REAL ID-compliant cards are generally marked with a STAR in the upper portion of the card. The style of the star will vary depending on the state. It’s best to check with your state’s DMV directly to determine if your license is REAL ID compliant.

DO I NEED A REAL ID?
All Americans traveling by air will need a REAL ID or another accepted form of identification to board a flight within the U.S. on and after May 3, 2023.

GET YOUR REAL ID EARLY.
Unless you plan to start using your U.S. passport for ALL flights, the DMV is where you will go to get a REAL ID or enhanced driver’s license (MI, MN, NY, VT and WA). Lines could be long so check with your state DMV in advance and gather the required documentation for when you arrive. There is no reason to wait. Plan early or you could be left behind.

IS YOUR STATE/TERRITORY REAL ID READY?
Visit dhs.gov/real-id for the current status of all states and territories.

HOW REAL ID READY ARE YOU?

CHECK YOUR WALLET
182 million Americans either still have a standard driver’s license or are unsure if their current license is REAL ID compliant.

GET AHEAD
99 million Americans currently do not have an ID that would be accepted on May 3, 2023. Don’t be one of them.

Help spread the word: Make sure your family and friends are #REALIDready before May 3, 2023—so they’re not left behind.

To learn more, visit dhs.gov/real-id or tsa.gov/real-id