

REAL-ID REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFICATION FOR INSTALLATION ACCESS

The REAL ID Act, passed by Congress in 2005, establishes minimum security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards. It was enacted in response to the 9/11 Commission's recommendation to improve the reliability and accuracy of identification documents, making it more difficult for terrorists to obtain fake IDs.

What are the implications of the REAL ID Act for accessing military bases? The standard access requirements remain the same for active duty & dependents, DoD civilian personnel, DoD retired personnel & dependents under the age of 18, vetted veterans in possession of a Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC) and personnel that have been issued a Defense Biometric Identification Card (DBIDS) for NAVSTA Everett access.

Starting **May 7, 2025**, non-affiliated individuals requesting access will need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license or another acceptable form of identification to access NAVSTA Everett access. This applies to everyone, including the following: but not all inclusive:

- Vendors
- Dependents aged 18 and older
- Service Providers
- Veterans with service-connected disabilities
- Contractors
- Visitors (*includes visitors in same vehicle with CAC holder*)
- Transportation services (taxi, limo, ride share)
- Agent, Assist, Aid, Care Giver Letters
- Au Pairs, Child Care Providers

What are acceptable alternative forms of identification for base access? If you don't have a REAL ID-compliant driver's license, you can use one of the following:

- U.S. passport or passport card
- Military ID card (Common Access Card or CAC, DoD retired ID card)
- Permanent resident card (Green Card)
- Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC)
- Enhanced Driver's License (EDL)
- Other forms of identification accepted by the Department of Homeland Security

How can I obtain a REAL ID-compliant license? To obtain a REAL ID-compliant license, you'll need to visit your state's driver's license agency with the following documents:

- Proof of identity (e.g., birth certificate, passport)
- Proof of Social Security number (e.g., Social Security card)
- Two proofs of residency (e.g., utility bills, bank statements)

Note: The specific requirements for Washington are provided at the following website: <https://dol.wa.gov/driver-licenses-and-permits/enhanced-driver-license-edl>. It's best to check the website for the most up-to-date information. You can find a link to your state's DMV here: <https://www.dhs.gov/real-id>

Addressing Potential Concerns:

- **"This is just another hassle!":** While it may seem like an extra step, the REAL ID Act is intended to enhance national security and make it more difficult for individuals to assume false identities.
- **"What if I can't get my documents together in time?":** There is still time to obtain the necessary documents and upgrade your license. Don't wait until the last minute. Start gathering your documents now.
- **"What about privacy concerns?":** The REAL ID Act has sparked debate about data privacy. However, the information required for a REAL ID-compliant license is generally already collected by state DMVs.