All new licenses and identification cards feature a Holographic overlay featuring the state with the beautiful New River Gorge bridge.

There is a MICRO Print line featured on the back of the card across the bottom.

When scanned, the 2D barcode contains all of the information identifying the cardholder and should match what is on the face of the card.

Each card has a "ghost image" of the cardholder's picture under the signature field.

As of January 3, 2012, per the REAL ID Act of 2005, the standards and types of state issued driver's licenses and identification cards have changed. This effort has resulted in more options for all citizens. The difference in the appearance of these cards is noted in the grey boxes above. Now, a citizen can apply for a card that is either REAL ID compliant, featuring a gold star on the upper right corner (shown top right), or one that is "NOT FOR FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION", featuring a gold band displaying the phrase (shown top left).

For more information on the difference between the two, please visit: www.dmv.wv.gov/Drivers-Licenses