West Virginia
DRIVER'S LICENSES & IDENTIFICATION CARDS

YOU HAVE A CHOICE!

**Driver's Licenses & Identification Cards**

- **Not for Federal Identification**
  - (a secure card that does not meet REAL ID Act requirements)
  - Current Card
  - Renewal Notice
  - One Proof of Residency with Your Name and Physical Address

**You Will Also Need:**
- One Additional Proof of Residency If Your Address Has Changed
- Name Change Documents (if you choose to change your name on your current driver's license or ID card)

- If your driver’s license or ID card has been lost, stolen, or destroyed, you must also provide one proof of identity and one proof of WV residency document which includes your name and address to obtain a new card.

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  - (a card containing a “gold star”, indicating that it meets REAL ID Act requirements for nationwide federal use at airports and other designated federal facilities)
  - One Proof of Identity Document
  - Two Proof of WV Residency Documents Containing Your Name and Physical Address

**You Will Also Need:**
- Name Change Documents (for ANY and ALL name changes or if your name is different from what appears on your proof of identity)

- When your application is processed, you will receive a temporary card to carry until an official License/Identification Card is delivered to your address via United States Postal Service.

Visit us online at dmv.wv.gov

Call us at 800.642.9066 and a representative will be happy to answer any of your DMV questions.

All Renewal and Duplicate Applicants

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You will be required to provide ONE of EACH of the following:

**Proof of Identity**
- An original or certified copy of a United States-issued birth certificate (U.S. Department of State and U.S. Military birth certificates are acceptable. Hospital birth certificates and Bureau of Census records are NOT acceptable.)
- Valid, unexpired US Passport or Official U.S. Passport Card
- If foreign born, valid, unexpired Department of Homeland Security documents

**Social Security Number**
- While a proof document is no longer required, you must provide a valid Social Security Number verifiable with the Social Security Administration.

**Proof of Legal Name Change**
If you have changed your name, you may be required to provide some or all of the following:
- Certified marriage certificate (souvenir or minister's copies are NOT acceptable)
- Original or certified birth certificate with amended legal name
- Court order with legal name change
- Certified divorce decree(s) with legal name / name change
- If you are age 50 or over, have satisfied all other documentation requirements, hold a current WV driver's license or ID card in the name being verified, and have gone through at least one WV license renewal cycle, a signed statement may be submitted in lieu of the name change document such as the marriage certificate or divorce decree.

**You will be required to provide TWO proofs of WV residency. Acceptable documents include:**
- WV utility bills (not more than 90 days old)
- Tax records issued by a city, county or state (does not include tax returns)
- A valid WV vehicle registration card
- WV Voter's Registration card
- WV mortgage documents, WV homeowner insurance documents for a WV residence, or proof of WV home ownership
- W-2 form that is not more than 18 months old (you may use the same W-2 as your proof of Social Security number)
- WV weapons permit
- Proof of WV public assistance
- Residential rental or lease agreement

For a complete list of acceptable proof of residency documents, visit dmv.wv.gov or call 800.642.9066.

**Unacceptable documents include:**
- Those with PO Box addresses
- Termination notices from a utility company
- Two documents from the same company
- Recurring documents more than 90 days old, such as utility bills and bank statements

**CDL and GDL Applicants**
Both Commercial Driver's License and Graduated Driver's License applicants will be required to provide additional proof documents.

For more information on all required documents, please contact DMV.