IDENTIFICATION CARDS for Citizens Under 21
These cards are vertically formatted

IDENTIFICATION CARDS for Citizens 21 & Over
These cards are horizontally formatted

Security Features
- All new licenses and identification cards feature a holographic overlay featuring the State Capital dome.
- There is a MICRO Print outline of the state on the back side of the card.
- 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 in the bottom right corner.

REAL ID and NOT FOR FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION Cards
Beginning May 7, 2025, 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 gray boxes above. Citizens 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, displaying the phrase in all caps in its upper right side (shown top left).

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

Back Side
Security Micro Print
State Outline
License Issuance
- RE-ISS - Reissue
- ORIG - Original
- RENEW - Renewal

Identification Card
1. Last Name
2. First and Middle Name
3. Date of Birth
4a. Issue Date
4b. Expiration Date
4d. License or ID Number
5. Unique Identifier (Control Number)
8. Street Address
9. Class of License
9a. Endorsements
12. Restrictions
15. Sex
16. Height
17. Weight
18. Eye Color

Barcode
2D Barcode

For Identification Purposes Only
NOT a Driving License

Header States “Identification Card”

“NOT A DRIVER’S LICENSE” Clearly Stated
Tactile Birth Date

Diabetic Indicator
Hearing Impaired Indicator
Bioptic Indicator

WV Identification Card Samples
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