

## **U.S. Citizenship or Lawful Presence Requirement**

Applicants (including active-duty military servicemembers, spouse of active-duty military servicemembers, and veterans) must provide proof of U.S. Citizenship or Lawful Presence in the United States.

Initial applications or applications for renewal will remain pending and will not be eligible for approval until the required documentation is submitted. The documentation must be unexpired on the date the initial license is issued or the date the license is renewed.

An application or renewal cannot move forward in the review process unless one of the documents listed below is provided.

<b>Proof of U.S. Citizenship or Lawful Presence in the U.S.</b>
<b>1) Unexpired driver's license or state identification certificate that complies with REAL ID</b> issued by a state or territory of the United States, <i>unless</i> the driver's license is marked "Limited Term" or "Temporary"
<b>2) Unexpired driver's license or state identification certificate that does not comply with REAL ID issued by one of the following states:</b> Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia, Wisconsin, or Wyoming
<b>3) United States birth certificate</b> (issued by the appropriate vital statistics agency of a U.S. State, a U.S. territory, or the District of Columbia indicating birth in the U.S.; or document issued by U.S. government indicating birth of a child born abroad to a United States Citizen, including a Consular Report of Birth or Department of State Certification of Birth issued to U.S. Citizens born abroad) <b>accompanied by an unexpired driver's license or state identification certificate that does not comply with REAL ID, issued by a state not listed in item (2)</b>
<b>4) Valid passport:</b> (A) An unexpired passport or passport card issued by the United States government; or (B) An unexpired passport issued by the government of another country <b>accompanied by a current permanent resident card or unexpired immigrant visa issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security.</b>
<b>5) Unexpired United States military identification card</b>
<b>6) Unexpired License to Carry a Handgun</b> issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety
<b>7) Permanent Resident Card</b> that does not expire before initial issuance of licensure
<b>8) Certificate of Naturalization</b>
<b>9) Certificate of Citizenship</b>
<b>10) Identification or immigration-related document issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, or the U.S. Department of State confirming lawful presence and authorization to work, such as:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Immigrant visa (MRIV) with I-551 endorsement (within one year of admission)</li><li>• Form I-797A or Form I-797B Notice of Action granting permanent resident status, or approving or granting immigration status, parole, or asylum, or showing a pending or prima facie determination where applicable</li><li>• Refugee Travel Document (Form I-571)</li><li>• Unexpired Employment Authorization Document (Form I-766), reflecting authorized status (including Category C31)</li><li>• Form I-512L (Authorization for Parole)</li><li>• Form I-94 showing lawful admission or parole and an unexpired authorized stay. If your Form I-94 shows "D/S" in the "Admit Until Date" field, you must also submit your Form I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status) or Form DS-2019 (Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor Status) that shows an unexpired program end date.</li></ul>