

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.

Proof of U.S. Citizenship or Lawful Presence in the U.S.
1) Unexpired driver's license or state identification certificate that complies with REAL ID issued by a state or territory of the United States, <i>unless</i> the driver's license is marked "Limited Term" or "Temporary"
2) Unexpired driver's license or state identification certificate that does not comply with REAL ID issued by one of the following states: 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
3) United States birth certificate (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 US 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) 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)
4) Valid passport: (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 accompanied by a current permanent resident card or unexpired immigrant visa issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security.
5) Unexpired License to Carry a Handgun issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety
6) Permanent Resident Card that does not expire before initial issuance of licensure
7) Certificate of Naturalization
8) Certificate of Citizenship
9) Form I-94 reflecting a departure date after the initial licensure <i>unless</i> the Form I-94 reflects the bearer only has Parole status