

Effective May 7, 2025 and after, U.S. travelers must be REAL ID compliant to board domestic flights or have an acceptable federal form of ID. This is federally regulated by the (DHS) Department of Homeland Security and (TSA) Transportation Security Administration. Therefore, any traveler is age 18 and older will be required to have an acceptable ID to fly aboard an aircraft. You can visit <https://www.dhs.gov/real-id> for more information.

If a traveler is under age 18, they do not require an ID.

Please inform your travelers so they are prepared. If a traveler does not have an acceptable ID and is denied boarding, we will not be able to help. Unfortunately, if this happens there will be no refund of payment associated with the trip. If you purchased travel insurance, you would not be able to place a claim for Cancel For Any Reason as the Cancel For Any Reason option is only available outside 48 hours of departure.

You can visit <https://www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/identification> for more information and acceptable forms of ID. Listed below are the acceptable forms of ID from their website. This is subject to change by DHS (Department of Homeland Security) and TSA (Transportation Safety Administration).

Acceptable Identification at the TSA Checkpoint

Adult passengers 18 and older must show valid identification at the airport checkpoint in order to travel.

- Driver's licenses or other state photo identity cards issued by Department of Motor Vehicles (or equivalent)
- **Effective May 7, 2025, if you plan to use your state-issued ID or license to fly within the U.S., make sure it is REAL ID compliant. If you are not sure if your ID complies with REAL ID, check with your state department of motor vehicles.**
- U.S. passport
- U.S. passport card
- DHS trusted traveler cards (Global Entry, NEXUS, SENTRI, FAST)
- U.S. Department of Defense ID, including IDs issued to dependents
- Permanent resident card
- Border crossing card
- An acceptable photo ID issued by a **federally recognized** Tribal Nation/Indian Tribe, including Enhanced Tribal Cards (ETCs).
- HSPD-12 PIV card
- Foreign government-issued passport
- Canadian provincial driver's license or Indian and Northern Affairs Canada card
- Transportation worker identification credential
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Employment Authorization Card (I-766)
- U.S. Merchant Mariner Credential
- Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC)

If you have specific questions, there is a "Contact Us" button on their website, you can also call TSA 1-866-289-9673.

1. Traveler turning 18 just prior to travel or during trip:

With the rollout of the Real ID to fly this past May, we have had some inquiries about students who will turn 18 just prior to the trip or during the trip and do they need a Real ID to board a plane.

The answer is yes; They will need to have a valid government ID to board a plane if they will be 18 anytime during the trip. The most common ID used is a Real ID. As an alternative to a REAL ID, a valid passport may also be used for travel and identification purposes. A passport can be issued at any age, while a REAL ID can typically be obtained starting at age 17.

Each state is different in their requirements to obtain a Real ID and how it is received. Families should contact their local DMV to find out the requirement and timeframe involved so the

traveler is prepared in time to travel. If the traveler needs to be obtain a Real ID they should start the process now as some states have a lengthy wait to get appointments at the DMV. If someone does not have appropriate ID steps can be taken at the airport to verify their identity. Most airports have lengthy lines for this so there is a chance a flight could be missed and there is no guarantee they will be given clearance by TSA to fly.

2. TSA ConfirmID

Don't have a Real ID or acceptable ID? You can now pay a \$45 fee. If you are unable to provide the required acceptable ID, such as a passport or REAL ID, you can pay a \$45 fee to use TSA ConfirmID. TSA will then attempt to verify your identity so you can go through security; however, there is no guarantee TSA can do so. Please note: Using TSA ConfirmID is optional. If you choose not to use it and don't have an acceptable ID, you may not be allowed through security and may miss your flight. Fraud or other criminal activity regarding this process will be processed under federal penalties.

<https://www.tsa.gov/tsaconfirm-id>

3. We have also received a question about the travel insurance. If someone purchases the CFAR (Cancel For Any Reason) option, would this be covered. CFAR (Cancel For Any Reason) is only valid up until 48 hours prior to departure. If someone arrives at the airport and is denied boarding, they will not be able to place a claim for CFAR (Cancel For Any Reason) as they would within this 48-hour window of departure. The person would be under full penalty of the cost of the trip.

International Students: With valid passports and F1 visas can board domestic flights in the US. However, it is recommended to carry immigration documents and valid passports to avoid any issues. While it is unlikely, one may be asked to provide proof of lawful status in the US. Students are advised to carry valid travel documents to remain compliant with US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) checks. **Travel within the U.S.**

Photo identification issued by the State may be sufficient, but it is recommended to carry copies of the passport, valid visa, I-20 or DS-2019, and I-94