
STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

How to Obtain an ID Card in Pennsylvania



Eligibility Check

ID Card

Before you can apply for an ID card in Pennsylvania, you must meet certain requirements.

Eligibility Checklist

To obtain an ID card, you must:

- ✓ Be a U.S. citizen or have legal presence.
- ✓ Have a Social Security Number (SSN), if you are eligible for one.
- ✓ Be a resident of Pennsylvania.
- ✓ Be able to verify your identity.



Getting a Pennsylvania ID Card

You can apply for a Pennsylvania ID card by mail if you currently hold a driver's license in the state and the DMV has your photo on file.

However, if you do not have a driver's license, you must apply in person at a DMV office and provide mandatory identification documents.

By Mail Getting an ID Card

What You Need

- ✓ A completed Pennsylvania Application for Initial ID Card ([DL-54A](#))
- ✓ Your current driver's license
- ✓ A check or money order made payable to PennDOT for the \$30.50 ID card application fee

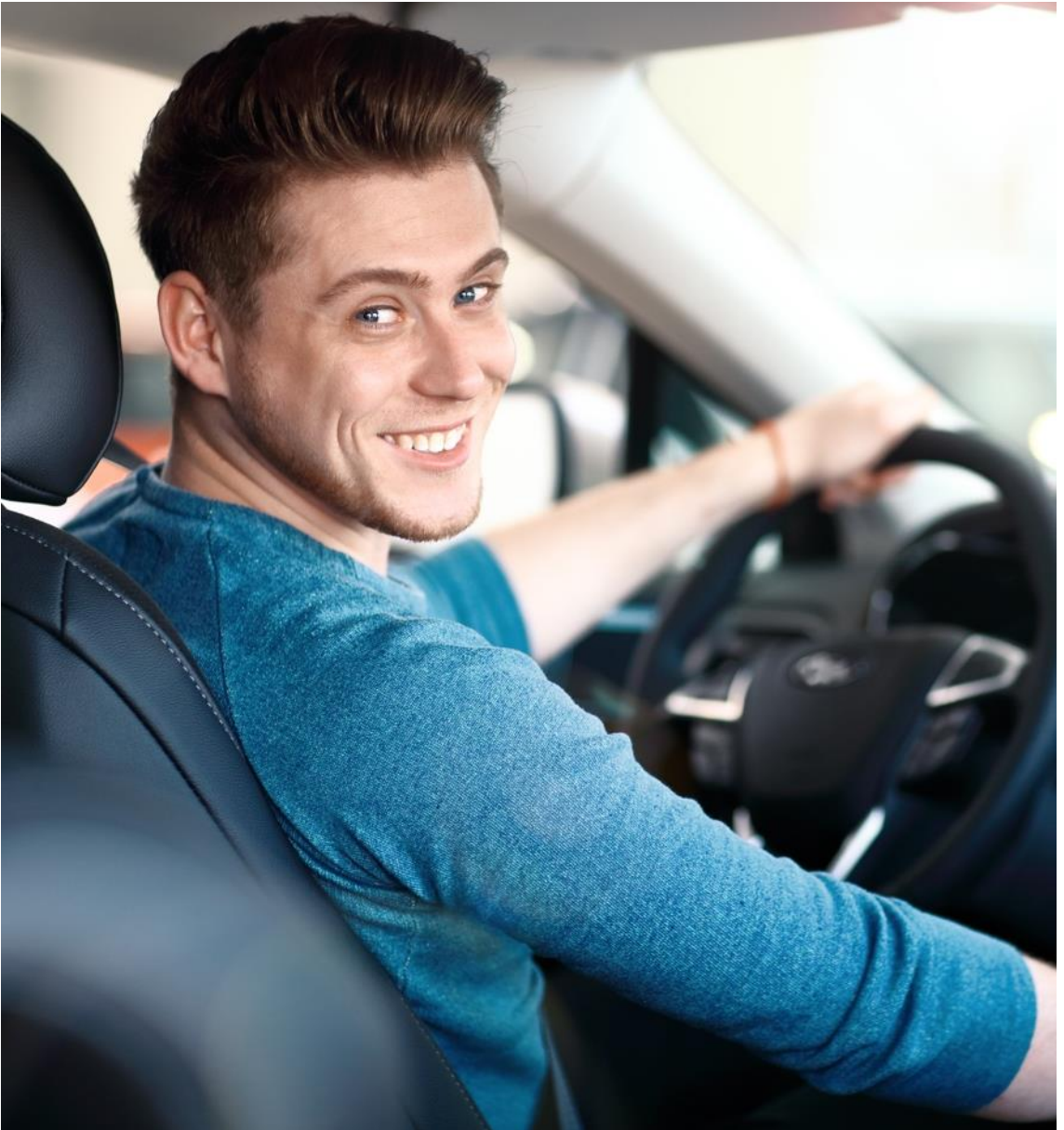
Steps to Take

1. Complete the [Pennsylvania ID Card Application](#).
2. Attach your current driver's license to the application if you plan to surrender it.
3. Mail the application, driver's license and ID card application fee payment to:

*Bureau of Driver Licensing
P.O. Box 68272
Harrisburg, PA 17106-8272*

4. Receive your ID card by mail.





Note:

If you are surrendering your Pennsylvania driver's license due to health issues, your ID card application fee is waived.

In Person

Getting an ID Card

What You Need

- ✓ A completed Pennsylvania Application for Initial ID Card ([DL-54A](#))
- ✓ Your Social Security card
- ✓ Identification documents, including residency proof and U.S. citizen or legal presence documents
- ✓ A check or money order made payable to PennDOT for the \$30.50 ID card application fee

Steps to Take

1. Complete the [Pennsylvania ID Card Application](#).
2. Find a local [driver's license center](#) and make an appointment, if available.

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3. Visit the office and provide your completed application, identification, proof of residency and proof of citizenship.
 4. Upon application approval, visit the Photo Center to have your photo taken.
 5. Pay the \$30.50 ID card application fee.
 6. Receive your ID card.

Things to Keep in Mind

1. You must be at least 10 years of age or older to apply for an ID card.
7. If you are younger than 18 years of age, your parent, guardian or person in loco parentis must come with you to the driver's license center to apply.
8. If you are younger than 18 years of age, you will not be required to provide two proofs of Pennsylvania residency.



Note:

If you wish to apply for an ID card that is REAL ID-compliant, you must submit additional documentation proving your Social Security Number and identity, as well as two proofs of residency. You can review acceptable documents [here](#).



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