Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 19.00 Identification Cards

Section: 1. Issuance of Driver's License

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R.S. 32:406
R.S. 32:409.1
R.S. 32:410
R.S. 32:418
R.S. 40:1321
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Definitions:

- **Duplicate Identification Card** – The re-issuance of a current, Louisiana identification card, in which the expiration date does **not** change.
- **Identification Card (ID Card)** – A government-issued form of identification containing personal information, that allows its holder to prove their identity and citizenship. Although similar to a driver's license, an identification card does not grant driving privileges, nor is any knowledge or skills exam required to obtain the card.

Requirements:

Issuance Type	Required Documentation
First-Time Applicant	Provide **one** of the following combinations of identification:[2,3] • One primary **and** two secondary documents[2, 3, 4] • Two primary documents[2, 3, 4] • A current Louisiana driver's license[2, 3, 4] Additional requirements: • Proof of Louisiana residency • Appropriate fees
Duplicate Issuance	Provide **one** of the following combinations of identification:[2, 3] • One primary **and** one secondary document[2, 3] • Three secondary documents[2, 3] • **Note:** The Department may verify the identity and eligibility of the applicant through internal databases, if available, to acquire a duplicate identification card. Additional requirements: • Proof of Louisiana residency, if changing address • Appropriate fees
Renewal	Provide **one** of the following combinations of identification:[2,3] • One primary **and** two secondary documents[2, 3, 4] • Two primary documents[2, 3, 4] • Louisiana issued identification card Additional requirements: • Proof of Louisiana residency, if changing address • Appropriate fees

Minor Applicants	**Sixteen (16) and Under – In addition to the above requirements, the following must be submitted:** • The signature and identification of the parent or legal guardian on the *Application for License or Identification Card* (DPSMV2003) form is required at the time of application.[3] • If the parent/guardian is unable to appear at the Office of Motor Vehicles, the *Application for License or Identification Card* (DPSMV2003) form must be notarized in the "Parental Consent for Minor Applicants" section. Identification must be presented by the minor and the parent/guardian to the notary. • Applicants fifteen (15) years of age and younger have an option of a two-year or six-year issuance period under the Protect and Save our Children Program.[3] **Seventeen (17) Years Old –** If seventeen, you must submit the above required documentation, but the signature of a parent/guardian is not required (ACT 842). **For Additional Requirements,** see Section 1, Policy 8.00, Authorization/Licensing of a Minor's Application for a Driver's License/Identification Card.

- **Social Security Requirements -** For first time issuance, if eligible for a Social Security number, you must provide the number verbally or with supporting documentation.
- **Permanent ID –** Permanent identification cards are available for applicants sixty (60) years of age or older.
    - Applicants may either elect to have a Real ID **or** a permanent identification card. A Real ID must have an expiration of six (6) years.
    - Permanent identification cards may only be issued for "*Not for Federal Identification*".
- **Combination of License / Identification Card (including out-of-state)**
    - **Address and Name -** If the applicant possesses a Louisiana driver's license and applies for an identification card, the name and address **must** be consistent, unless the license is suspended, blocked, or expired.
    - **Out-of-State** - Louisiana is a multiple credential state. If you have a residence in Louisiana and an out-of-state residence, you are allowed to have an identification card in Louisiana and driver's license and/or identification cards in another state. The other issuing state may not allow this and this could result in your out-of-state credential being cancelled when a Louisiana identification card is issued. Check with your other state of residence before applying for a Louisiana identification card.
    - **Real ID –** You are only allowed one Real ID identification card or driver's license within the United States.
        - If you are issued a Real ID in Louisiana, it will result in any out-of-state Real ID identification or driver's license to be cancelled.
        - You cannot possess a valid Louisiana Real ID driver's license and identification, one credential will need to be change to "Not for Federal Identification" or cancelled.

Related Policies:

Section 1, Policy 2.00, Fees and Duration of License / ID Card
Section 1, Policy 3.04, Residency Requirements for Issuance of a Driver's License or Identification Card
Section 1, Policy 6.00, Identification Requirements
Section 1, Policy 6.02, Driver's License Issuance for Aliens Temporarily Residing in Louisiana
Section 1, Policy 6.03, Requirements for Issuance of a Real ID Driver's License or Identification Card
Section 1, Policy 8.00, Authorization/Licensing of a Minor's Application for a Driver's License/Identification Card
Section 1, Policy 19.02, ID Cards Issued for Voter Registration Purposes
Section 1, Policy 22.00, Name Changes and Usage

References:

[1] – Louisiana State Legislature. *Licensee Must Give Notice of Change of Address* (R.S. 32:406), retrieved from https://legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=88383.

[2] – Louisiana State Legislature. *Application or Special Certificate Applications; Penalties for False Information* (R.S. 32:409.1), retrieved from https://legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=88389.

[3] – Louisiana State Legislature. *Special Identification Cards; Issuance; Veteran Designation; Disabled Veteran Designation; University Logo; "I'm a Cajun" Designation; Needs Accommodation Designation; Fees; Expiration and Renewal; Exceptions; Promulgation of Rules; Promotion of Use; Persons Less than Twenty-One Years of Age; the Protect and Save our Children Program*, retrieved from https://legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=97429.

[4] – Louisiana State Legislature. *Form of License, Photograph; Signature of License, Anatomical Gift Statement, Declaration of Life-Sustaining Procedures, and Additional Information on License* (R.S. 32:410), retrieved from https://legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=88391.