



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](#)

To view Louisiana Statutes: <http://www.legis.state.la.us/>

**Definitions:**

- **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.
- **Duplicate Identification Card** – The re-issuance of a current, Louisiana identification card, in which the expiration date does **not** change.

**Requirements:**

Issuance Type	Required Documentation
First-Time Applicant	Provide <b>one</b> of the following combinations of identification: <sup>2,3</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">One primary and two secondary documents</a><sup>2, 3, 4</sup></li><li>• <a href="#">Two primary documents</a><sup>2, 3, 4</sup></li><li>• A current Louisiana driver's license<sup>2, 3, 4</sup></li></ul> Additional requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proof of <a href="#">Louisiana residency</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Appropriate fees</a></li></ul>
Duplicate Issuance	Provide <b>one</b> of the following combinations of identification: <sup>2, 3</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">One primary and one secondary document</a><sup>2, 3</sup></li><li>• <a href="#">Three secondary documents</a><sup>2, 3</sup></li><li>• <b>Note:</b> The Department may verify the identity and eligibility of the applicant through internal databases, if available, to acquire a duplicate identification card.</li></ul> Additional requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proof of <a href="#">Louisiana residency, if changing address</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Appropriate fees</a></li></ul>
Renewal	Provide <b>one</b> of the following combinations of identification: <sup>2,3</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">One primary and two secondary documents</a><sup>2, 3, 4</sup></li><li>• <a href="#">Two primary documents</a><sup>2, 3, 4</sup></li><li>• Louisiana issued identification card</li></ul> Additional requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proof of <a href="#">Louisiana residency, if changing address</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Appropriate fees</a></li></ul>

<p><b>Minor Applicants</b></p>	<p><b>Sixteen (16) and Under – In addition to the above requirements, the following must be submitted:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The signature and identification of the parent or legal guardian on the <i>Application for License or Identification Card (DPSMV2003)</i> form is required at the time of application.<sup>3</sup></li> <li>• If the parent/guardian is unable to appear at the Office of Motor Vehicles, the <i>Application for License or Identification Card (DPSMV2003)</i> 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.</li> <li>• 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.<sup>3</sup></li> </ul> <p><b>Seventeen (17) Years Old –</b> If seventeen, you must submit the above required documentation, but the signature of a parent/guardian is not required (ACT 842).</p> <p><b>For Additional Requirements,</b> see Section 1, Policy 8.00, <a href="#">Authorization/Licensing of a Minor's Application for a Driver's License/Identification Card</a>.</p>
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- **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](#)

Section 1, Policy [40.00, Military Selective Service Act](#)

**References:**

- <sup>1</sup> – 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>.
- <sup>2</sup> – 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>.
- <sup>3</sup> – 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; Selective Service Registration* (R.S. 40:1321), retrieved from <https://legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=97429>.
- <sup>4</sup> – 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>.