

## Identification and Residency Requirements For U.S. Citizens

As part of a nationwide effort to enhance the issuance of secure identification credentials, Pennsylvania requires the following documentation from U.S. Citizens applying for a Pennsylvania Driver's License, Learner's Permit or Identification (ID) Card or U.S. Citizens transferring an out-of-state Driver's License or ID Card.

**PLEASE NOTE: If you are applying for a REAL ID product please refer to the REAL ID Document Check List located on PennDOT's website at <https://www.dmv.pa.gov/REALID> for more information.**

### Age Requirements for U.S. Citizens

Individuals applying for a Non-Commercial Driver's License must be at least 16 years of age.

Individuals applying for an Identification (ID) Card must be at least 10 years of age.

Individuals transferring a Non-Commercial Driver's License must be at least 16 1/2 years of age.

Individuals applying for a Pennsylvania Learner's Permit must be at least 16 years of age.

Out-of-state Learner's Permits can not be transferred to Pennsylvania.

Individuals applying for or transferring a Commercial Driver's License must be at least 18 years of age for intrastate driving or 21 years of age or older for interstate driving.

### Residents of Pennsylvania

If you are under the age of 18 and are a resident of Pennsylvania you will need to show:

- one form of identification from List A, and
- your Social Security Card.

If you are 18 years of age or older and you are a resident of Pennsylvania you will need to show:

- one form of identification from List A,
- two forms of proof of residency from List B, and
- your Social Security Card.

### New Residents of Pennsylvania

New residents of Pennsylvania who hold a valid driver's license from another state in the United States must get a Pennsylvania Driver's License within 60 days after moving to PA and surrender their out-of-state driver's license and/or ID card.

If you are a new resident of Pennsylvania and your prior state's driver's license has been expired for more than six months or you do not possess your prior state's driver's license you will be required to apply for a PA Learner's Permit and take the Vision, Knowledge and Road Tests.

New residents of Pennsylvania who hold a valid driver's license from Puerto Rico or a U.S. territory or possession may transfer their valid driver's license to a PA Non-Commercial Driver's License.

New residents of Pennsylvania who hold a valid commercial driver's license (CDL) from another state in the United States may transfer their CDL to a PA CDL.

If you are under the age of 18 and are a new resident of Pennsylvania you will need to show:

- one form of identification from List A,
- your Social Security Card, and
- your out-of-state driver's license and/or ID Card.

If you are 18 years of age or older and you are a new resident of Pennsylvania, you will need to show:

- one form of identification from List A,
- two forms of proof of residency from List B,
- your Social Security Card, and
- your out-of-state driver's license and/or ID Card.

### **LIST A:**

#### **Acceptable Forms of Identification for U.S. Citizens:**

- Birth Certificate with raised seal (*U.S. issued by an authorized government agency, including U.S. territories or Puerto Rico. Non-U.S. Birth Certificates will not be accepted.*) **Note:** Birth Certificates from Puerto Rico must have an issue date of 7/1/10 or later to be acceptable.
  - *If your birth certificate includes language stating the record of birth is not evidence of United States citizenship, additional documentation may be required.*
- Certificate of U.S. Citizenship (USCIS Form N-560 or N-561)
- Consular Report of Birth Abroad (DOS Form FS-240)
- Certificate of Naturalization (USCIS Form N-550 or N-570)
- Valid U.S. Passport

**NOTE: Only valid Passports and original documents will be accepted. If the name on your original document differs from your current name, you must provide documentation that connects the names, such as an original Marriage Certificate, Divorce Decree, or Court Order document.**

### **LIST B:**

#### **Acceptable List of Documents for Proof of Residency for Applicants 18 Years of Age or Older:**

**The proof of residency documents must have your name and official Pennsylvania street address on it.**

- Post-marked mail/package labels through USPS, UPS, FedEx etc.
- A W-2 form/pay stub
- Lease agreements or mortgage documents
- Official Tax Records reflecting current name and address
- Current, unexpired PA driver's license or photo ID card
- PA vehicle registration card
- Auto insurance card
- A computer-generated utility bill showing your name and address (cellphone, cable, electric, gas)

**NOTE:** *If you reside with someone, and have no bills in your name, you will still need to provide two proofs of residency. One proof is to bring the person with whom you reside along with their Driver's License or Photo ID to the Driver License Center. You will also need to provide a second proof of residency such as post-marked mail/package labels through USPS, UPS, FedEx, etc. that has your name and address on it. The address must match that of the person with whom you reside.*

### **PLEASE NOTE**

All documents must show the same name and date of birth, or an association between the information on the documents. Additional documentation may be required if a connection between documents cannot be established (e.g. Marriage Certificate, Court Order of name change, Divorce Decree, etc.)