IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

An applicant for a driver's license or identification card must show proof of identity as required by law.  

NOTE: OMV WILL NOT ACCEPT PHOTOCOPIES OF ANY DOCUMENTS.

Driver’s License Issuance
1. One primary document
2. One secondary document
3. Social Security Number submission

Identification Card Issuance
1. One primary document
2. Two secondary documents
3. Social Security Number submission for males age 15 – 26 who are U.S. Citizens

SOCIAL SECURITY REQUIREMENT
• All applicants eligible for a social security number must provide the assigned number when applying for a driver's license. Although the Social Security Number will not be displayed on the face of the license, that number must be entered in the department's internal records.
• Any alien residing in Louisiana who does not possess and is ineligible to obtain a social security number shall be required to furnish a letter from the Social Security Administration stipulating they are "ineligible" or that they "have not been issued" a social security number for a Class D or E driver's license.
• In order to comply with the Military Selective Service Act, R.S. 32:40:1321(D)(1), the Social Security Number is required from all male U.S. citizens or immigrants age 15 to 26 who apply for a driver's license. Failure to provide the SSN will result in the denial of issuance.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS SEVENTEEN (17) AND UNDER
The signature of the custodial parent or legal guardian is required for the issuance of any credential (including first time applications, duplicates and changing restrictions). Identification must be presented by the minor and the parent or guardian. Only the domiciliary parent may sign if joint custody has been awarded. A Certificate of Required Attendance is required from the applicant’s high school.

PRIMARY DOCUMENTS

Birth Certificate
• Original certificate of birth
• Certified copy of birth certificate (long form) and Birth Card (short form) does not require a seal
• Birth registration card or certificate issued by a state or county bureau of vital statistic
• Certificate of Birth Abroad issued by the US Department of State.
• Certificate of Naturalization
• Native American tribal document

Passport
• US Passport book or Passport Card
• Applicants 17 and under must also present a certified birth certificate or documentation proving custody/legal guardianship
• Foreign Passport
• Must be appropriately stamped and accompanied by proper immigration documents

Immigrants / non-immigrants
• Permanent Resident Card (I-551)
• Department of Homeland Security Refugee travel document (I-571)
• Department of Homeland Security Permit to reenter the United States (I-327)

Military
• Current US ID card
• Dependent ID card
• Draft record
• DD-214
• Selective Service Notification
• US Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Card
ACCEPTABLE SECONDARY IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS

SECONDARY DOCUMENTS
Out-of-state driver's license / identification card
- A DL or ID card issued by a state motor vehicle department with a photo that clearly identifies the individual.
- An official driving record from the last state of issuance is required if the applicant has lost his out-of-state license.
- A foreign driver's license must be accompanied by proper immigration documents.

Social Security Number verification
- Social security card
- Official verification of the social security number from the Social Security Administration or verbal verification

Identification Card (with photo)
- Louisiana college or university
- Louisiana middle / high school
- Law enforcement officer's ID
- Employment ID card (major corporations, hospitals, governmental agencies)
- ID cards issued by federal, state, local governmental agencies
- LA Department of Public Safety & Corrections prison or parish ID card
- TWIC (Transportation Worker Identification Credential)
- Employment Authorization Document I-766 issued by DHS
- Original Refugee Resettlement Program letter. This document will include the agency director's signature with a raised seal and is valid for 15 days from issuance.

Educational diploma / certificate / license
- High school, college or university
- High school year book photo
- School records or at least 2 report cards from separate years
- Original or certified professional degree or license
- Driver Education Certificate
- Department of Education
- Six Hour Pre-licensing
- 38 Hour Course

Medical
- Medicare / Medicaid card
- Medical eligibility card
- CDL Medical form / card

Miscellaneous documents
- Original adoption papers
- Baptismal certificate
- Official deed or title to property in Louisiana, including burial plots
- Vehicle registration or certificate of title of vehicle in applicant's name
- Motor vehicle lien instrument
- Local utility statements showing name and address of the applicant or a receipt indicating utilities have been turned on
- Insurance policy (health, home, life, auto)
- One-payroll stub (printed)
- W-2 forms for 2 years
- Prison release documents or letter from probation officer
- Letter of verification / introduction from another state agency responsible for placement of deprived / impaired individuals (i.e., Blind Services)
- CDL driver’s log book

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