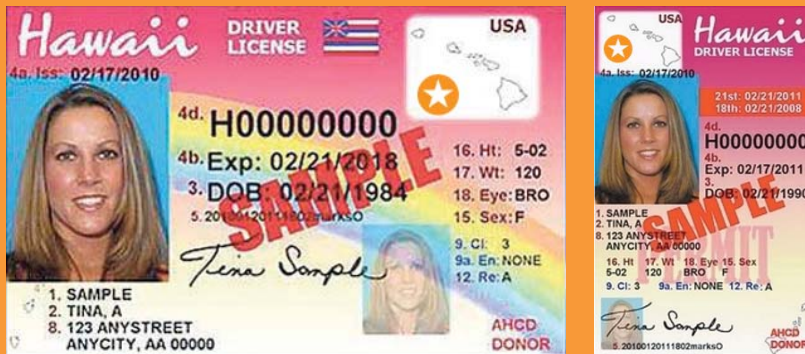


Fact Sheet on:

REAL ID Compliance, Hawaii State Driver's Licenses and State Identification Cards



Effective Jan. 16, 2018, REAL ID compliant Hawaii driver's licenses or State identification cards will be issued with a "star in a gold circle" marking.

What does the gold star mean?

The gold star shows that the credential meets the requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005 and can be used for official Federal purposes such as boarding commercial airlines and accessing Federal facilities.

How do I get the gold star on my license or State ID?

The gold star is not required until Oct. 1, 2020. Beginning January 16, 2018, during the renewal process, applicants for the REAL ID compliant driver's licenses or State identification cards will be required to select on their application form which credential (i.e., a driver's license or state identification card) will be marked with a "star in a gold circle."

Will I be able to use my Hawaii license or State ID as identification for air travel after Jan. 22, 2018?

Yes, Hawaii driver's licenses and State identification cards are compliant with the REAL ID Act and will continue to be accepted as identification for official Federal purposes, such as domestic travel, until Oct. 1, 2020.

Do I need to get a new license or State ID before Oct. 1, 2020?

According to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), every person traveling domestically on a commercial airline will need to present a REAL ID compliant credential or another acceptable form of identification by October 1, 2020. The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) is working with DHS on continued acceptance of Hawaii's current unmarked REAL ID compliant driver's licenses and identification cards as identification for official Federal purposes.

What about Limited Purpose Driver's Licenses?

Limited Purpose Driver's Licenses are marked "NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR OFFICIAL FEDERAL PURPOSES" and will not receive a gold star marking. Individuals with Limited Purpose Driver's License should use their passport or other acceptable form of identification for official Federal purposes.