

The REAL ID Journey

How the Keesing Platform Keeps You Informed

The Future of REAL ID REAL ID is still evolving!

Starting on May 7, 2025 REAL ID enforcement is in effect. But **REAL ID is still evolving**. Mobile ID standards are in the works. States and territories continue to redesign driver's licenses and their REAL ID symbols. Keesing will be here to help you stay on top of it all, as we have since 2018.



Major Milestone: May 7, 2025

Starting on this date, travelers must present a valid REAL ID driver's license or ID card (or a TSA-approved alternate document) to board any commercial flight in the United States, and to enter a military base and some federal courthouses.

January 2025
Are You REAL ID Ready?
Enforcement is set to begin on
May 7, 2025 →



Continuous coverage of REAL ID developments on Keesing's State-specific REAL ID at a Glance Guide →

The types of REAL ID symbols currently in circulation:

- ★ Gold star
- ★ Black star
- ☆ Star cutout in gold circle
- ⬤ Star cutout in black circle
- 🐻 Star cutout in gold grizzly bear
- 🏠 Gold outline of the state Maine
- 🌋 Star cutout in the state Nevada
- 🍷 Star cutout of the state Michigan



REAL ID & the COVID Pandemic

The COVID Pandemic affected all aspects of life, including the progress of REAL ID and DMV operations. We covered it all through many twists and turns.

LIVE BLOG: Stay current on new driver's licenses and ID cards being issued in the US; which states and territories launch mobile IDs; implementation of the REAL ID Act; and related US news.*

Keesing LIVE Blog →

Reported on redesigned US driver's licenses (including the look of jurisdictions' REAL ID symbols), and states that extended renewal dates of driver's licenses while customers couldn't visit DMV offices.



April 2021 REAL ID Enforcement Date Extended to 2023 →

Too few Americans ready to fly in a REAL ID world

September 2020
All US States Now REAL ID
Compliant →

More than 105 million REAL ID-compliant driver's licenses and identification cards have been issued so far.



February 2020 US Prepares for Possible REAL ID Chaos →

American Society of Travel Advisors visits Capitol Hill, prepares Congress for draft legislation of Trusted Traveler REAL ID Relief Act

December 2018
REAL ID: What Notaries
Need to Know →

A deep dive article we wrote for the National Notary Association.

