

## CA REAL ID FAQs

### *What does a REAL ID look like?*

A golden bear with a white star in it appears in the top right corner of California REAL ID Act license cards.



### *What is the deadline for getting a REAL ID?*

**By 10/01/2020.** California licenses that are not REAL ID Act compliant should still be accepted by federal buildings and airports until 10/01/2020.

Because California has not implemented the REAL ID Act, if you are traveling to a state that has, ***your state ID is still valid*** to travel to the new state even if it is not a REAL ID.

### *How can the CA DMV verify my identity when I apply for a REAL ID?*

A current valid Employment Authorization Document (EAD), or work permit, can be used to validate your identity.

### *How does the CA DMV verify legal presence documents?*

The CA DMV first tries to verify a person's documents, however, if the CA DMV headquarters cannot verify the documents, they ask the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to verify legal presence.

The CA DMV will offer a waiver for people to permit the DMV to share their legal presence documents with DHS for verification to obtain a license. This waiver will only be necessary if the DMV cannot verify the person's documents in the system.

### *Is there a way to check what states have implemented the REAL ID Act?*

The DHS website has an interactive map of states that have implemented the REAL ID Act, and those who have received an extension: <https://www.dhs.gov/real-id>

***We highly encourage folks to apply for REAL ID compliant licenses while they still have DACA.***