Montana REAL ID Checklist (In-person visit required)

Step 1

Name, Date of Birth & Authorized Presence

Provide ONE
- Government Certified US birth certificate
- Valid unexpired US Passport
- Certificate of Naturalization
- Certificate of Citizenship
- Consular report of birth abroad
- Permanent Resident Card, form I-551

Don’t have one of these documents?

See Below

Name & Date of Birth

Provide ONE
- Valid unexpired out-of-state REAL ID driver license or ID
- Form 1-766 or Form 1-688B unexpired employment authorization document
- Unexpired foreign passport with valid unexpired US employment authorization document, accompanied by a form I-94 or I-551 stamp

Authorized Presence

Provide TWO, may be the same type
- Valid unexpired out-of-state REAL ID driver license or ID
- Form 1-766 or From 1-688B unexpired employment authorization document
- Documentation issued by a federal agency demonstrating authorized status
- Unexpired foreign passport with a valid unexpired US employment authorization document, accompanied by a form I-94 or I-551

Step 2

*May not apply to all customers

Name Change Documents
(If your current legal name doesn’t match the documents you submit, you must prove ALL legal name changes.)

Provide ONE document per name change during your lifetime
- Government certified marriage license
- Government certification of marriage
- Government certified declaration of marriage
- Government certified domestic partnership registration
- An equivalent documentation of marriage or domestic partnership from the issuing government jurisdiction
- Certificate of Naturalization
- Certificate of Citizenship
- Court order granting a name change
- Court certified dissolution of marriage
- An equivalent documentation of dissolution from a court of competent jurisdiction

Important: MVD cannot accept an affidavit of common law marriage
Important: MVD will accept foreign document when translated
Visit our website for requirements at mtrealid.gov

Step 3

Montana Residency

All documents must have your name, current physical address (P.O. Boxes are not accepted), and be unexpired or dated within one year.

Provide TWO, may be the same type
- Valid Montana driver license or ID
- Montana recognized tribal identification
- Bank statement
- Certified court documents
  - (court order, judgment, subpoena, warrant, etc.)
- Credit card statement
- First class mail with postmark
- Insurance policy
- Montana hunting/fishing license or permit
- Mortgage document
- Pay stub
- Phone bill
- Expired Montana driver license or ID
- Expired Montana REAL ID
- Federally recognized tribal identification
- Rental agreement or rent receipt
- School transcript or report card
- Tax document
- Utility bill
- Vehicle registration or title
- Voter registration
- For people without a permanent residence, a written statement on a letterhead from a Montana social services agency verifying residency status and descriptive address

For additional information on establishing a minor’s residency, visit our website at mtrealid.gov

Social Security Number - You no longer need to provide proof of your Social Security Number (SSN); however, you will need to know your SSN so it can be verified at the time of your appointment. The name on file with the Social Security Administration must match your legal name.

Finished with Step 1A? Go to Step 2, if applicable.

If you are unable to provide a document from Step 1 or 2, you may request an exception at an MVD exam station. You must complete a form, have a good reason for the exception, and give additional or alternative documentation.