What Identification
Do I Need To Bring to
the Registry?

For customers applying for a Learner’s Permit,
Driver’s License, Massachusetts ID or Liquor ID

Dear Registry Customers,

This brochure describes the identification documents you are required to bring to a Registry branch to prove your identity. Please read the following information to be sure you understand the identification documents required of you.

Identification Requirements
You must produce at least four documents to apply for a permit, license, or ID. These documents must include:
- SSN Card or valid, current US or non-US passport
- Proof of date of birth
- Proof of signature
- Proof of Mass residency

Applicants under 18 years of age are not required to provide proof of residence or signature.

Your current passport can be used to fulfill both the passport requirement and can be offered as a primary ID.

Social Security Number
All customers must have a valid Social Security Number (SSN) to apply for a Massachusetts learner’s permit, driver’s license, or ID card. If you do not have a SSN, you will need to visit your local Social Security Administration (SSA) office to apply for one.

Customers are required to present a Social Security Number (SSN) that validates with the Social Security Administration. If the customer does not have one, an acceptable written denial notice, not more than 30 days old, from the Social Security Administration (SSA) is required.

The SSA does not include any visa information on the written denial notice. Therefore, evidence of an acceptable visa code, in addition to the written denial notice, from the SSA is required.

NOTE: It is not the function of RMV employees to advise you about which documents to present. No specific type of document on either list is required or preferred. In following these policies and procedures, RMV employees apply the same eligibility requirements to all applicants equally, without regard to race, sex, creed, national origin, or English speaking ability. The issuance of a driver’s license, learner’s permit, or ID card is not a determination of whether or not a person has legal or illegal immigration status. That is the responsibility of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.

ID Requirements Chart

1. Locate the transaction you are applying for in the left column.
2. Locate the column across the top of the chart that identifies your age; then look down that column until you reach the box in the same row as the transaction you’ve chosen.
3. Read the identification documents that are required.
4. Refer to the Acceptable Forms of Identification list to the right of the chart to determine which documents you have that meet the requirements.
5. Bring your documents with you when visiting a Registry branch.

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### Document Requirements Chart

#### Applicant's DOB

- **SSN Card or valid, current U.S. or Massachusetts drivers license**
- **Document proving date of birth**

#### Out-of-State Permit Conversion

- **SSN Card or valid, current U.S. or Massachusetts drivers license**
- **Document proving date of birth**

#### Out-of-State License

- **SSN Card or valid, current U.S. or Massachusetts drivers license**
- **Document proving date of birth**

#### License Renewal

- **SSN Card or valid, current U.S. or Massachusetts drivers license**
- **Document proving date of birth**

#### Acceptable Forms of Identification

- **SSN Card or valid, current U.S. or Massachusetts drivers license**
- **Document proving date of birth**

#### Acceptable Immigration Documents

- **U.S. or non-U.S. passport with photo (non-US passport must contain visa and I-94)**
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- **U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner cards with photo and signature**
- **MD driver’s license or MA ID card**

#### Copy of Document

- **SSN Card or valid, current U.S. or Massachusetts drivers license**
- **Document proving date of birth**

### Required documents for applicants 17 years

- **SSN Card or valid, current U.S. or Massachusetts drivers license**
- **Document proving date of birth**
- **Out-of-State License (may also be used as a document to prove date of birth or signature, but cannot be used for residency)**

### Required documents for applicants 18 years

- **SSN Card or valid, current U.S. or Massachusetts drivers license**
- **Document proving date of birth**

### Male Firearms Card, with photo and DOB

- **SSN Card or valid, current U.S. or Massachusetts drivers license**
- **Document proving date of birth**

#### Documents to Prove Date of Birth (DOB)

At least one (1) document must be from this group:

1. U.S. or non-U.S. passport with photo (non-US passport must contain visa and I-94)
2. U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner cards with photo and signature
3. MA driver’s license or MA ID card
4. expired MA license or MA ID card
5. Driver’s license or MA ID card with photo and signature
6. MA Firearms Card, with photo and DOB

#### Notes

- 1. U.S. or non-U.S. passport with photo (non-US passport must contain visa and I-94)
- 2. U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner cards with photo and signature
- 3. MA driver’s license or MA ID card
- 4. expired MA license or MA ID card
- 5. Driver’s license or MA ID card with photo and signature
- 6. MA Firearms Card, with photo and DOB

#### Acceptable Immigration Documents

- **Certificate of Naturalization...**
- **Certificate of Citizenship...**
- **U.S. Citizen Identification Card**
- **Permanent Resident Card (“Green Card”)**
- **Temporary Resident Identification Card...**
- **Temporary Resident Identification Card...**
- **Record of Residence (in valid Foreign Passport)**
- **Permanent Resident Re-entry Permit...**
- **Employment Authorization Card...**
- **Documents specific to the applicant based upon decisions of the U.S. Department of State, U.S. Department of Justice (including Executive Office for Immigration Review, Board of Immigration Appeals and former Immigration and Naturalization Service), or U.S. Department of Homeland Security (including Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services).**