

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

To be issued a Colorado Driver’s License or Identification Card, you must prove the following elements: your full legal name, identity, age, and lawful presence in the United States. The chart below shows the documents that you may use to prove each of these elements. In some cases, a single document may prove all four elements. However, it may be necessary for some applicants to provide multiple documents in order to prove all the required elements. All documents presented must be certified originals or certified amended originals or true copies certified by the issuing agency.

If you can not prove each of the required elements with the documents set forth in the chart below, then you may request to go through “Exceptions Processing” in order to prove the required elements with additional/alternative documents.

Document	Elements			
	Identity	Age	Name ¹	Lawful Presence
Stand Alone Documents				
CO license (expired less than 1yr)	X	X	X	X
CO ID card (expired less than 1yr)	X	X	X	X ²
US passport (expired less than 10 yrs)	X	X	X ³	X
Out of State DL/ID from LP ^{3,4} state (expired less than 1 yr)	X	X	X ³	X
Foreign passport w/ photo, US Visa, I-94 ⁹	X	X	X	X
Valid Military ID/Common Access Card ³	X	X	X	X
Cert. of Naturalization w/ photo less than 20 yrs old ⁶	X	X	X	X
Cert. of Citizenship w/ photo less than 20 yrs old ⁶	X	X	X	X
Valid I-551	X	X	X	X
Valid EAD/Temporary Resident	X	X	X	X
Refugee/Asylee I-94 w/ photo less than 20 yrs old ⁶	X	X	X	X
OR				
You must provide any combination of documents that prove identity, age, name, and lawful presence in the United States				
Lawful presence documents				
	Identity	Age	Name ¹	Lawful Presence
Social Security card verified by SSOLV				X
U.S. Birth certificate		X		X
Cert. of Citizenship from the Department of Interior		X ⁷		X
U.S. Adoption Order w/ birth information		X		X
Asylee/refugee I-94, no photo		X		X
Name, Age, and Identity documents				
CO license (expired less than 10 yrs)	X	X	X	
CO ID card (expired less than 10 yrs)	X	X	X	
Out of State DL/ID (NLP ⁵ , expired less than 10 yrs)	X	X	X ³	
BIA ID Card w/ photo less than 20 yrs old	X	X	X	
Military ID/CAC (expired less than 10 yrs)	X	X	X	
VA Card w/ photo less than 20 yrs old	X	X	X	
Parent/Guardian affidavit if under 21 ⁸	X	X	X	
US school record less than 12 months old		X		

See reverse side for footnotes disclaimer.

¹ The applicant's full legal name is the name on the applicant's birth certificate, unless it has been changed by court order, marriage, divorce, or adoption. A marriage certificate, divorce decree, separation decree, or name change order issued by a state or federal court or government may be used to prove a name change.

² Applicants presenting a Colorado ID card with an issue date of 06/01/97 up to 07/01/98 must also present a document establishing lawful presence.

³ Applicants who present U.S. passports, out of state driver's licenses and ID cards or Military IDs/Common Access Cards that do not contain the applicant's full name will be required to present an additional document (other than the US school record) that prove the applicant's full legal name.

⁴ **LP** = lawful presence state, which are currently Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wyoming

⁵ **NLP** = non-lawful presence state.

⁶ Certificates of Naturalization or Citizenship, with photos over 20 years old, require an additional identity document.

⁷ Only if the Certificates of Citizenship from the Department of Interior shows the applicant's date of birth.

⁸ A parent/guardian providing an affidavit for a minor under 21 must also present identification and proof that they are the parent or legal guardian of the minor.

⁹ Customers presenting a valid foreign passport with US visa and I-94 or valid Processed For I-551 stamp may be required to present documentation establishing a Colorado connection. Status F, J, H, and M, require verification of a Colorado connection through the sponsoring entity and original letter, by the Colorado employer, of Colorado employment or verification of education through the valid DS-2019 or I-20AB. Applicants with a B1, B2, WT, WB, CP, or NC status are not eligible for a Colorado Driver's License or ID Card.

This document is created solely to assist applicants in understanding the identification rules for obtaining a Colorado Driver's License or Identification Card. This document does not supersede, alter, or amend the rules promulgated by the Department of Revenue; those rules contain the complete requirements and are available on the Department's website at http://www.revenue.state.co.us/mv_dir/home.asp.

Per 1 CCR 204-13, 2.3.3.2, birth certificates must be issued by the United States, including any agency or department thereof, the District of Columbia, any state, county parish, or borough, and which has been certified by the issuing agency.