REAL ID Act of 2005

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What is the REAL ID Act of 2005?

In 2005, Congress enacted Public Law 109-13, 119 Stat. 302, commonly referred to as the REAL ID Act. The Act modified U.S. federal law pertaining to standards for security, authentication, and issuance procedures for state driver's licenses and identification (ID) cards. It applies to all federal facilities that have access-control requirements involving ID checks. The Act prohibits federal agencies from accepting, for official purposes, driver's licenses and ID cards from states/territories that do not meet the Act's minimum standards (aka "non-compliant jurisdictions").

Note: Although state-issued driver's licenses and ID cards are most commonly used to establish identity, they are not the only available means. Other government ID documents (e.g., U.S. passport/card, U.S. military ID) listed here may be used by themselves as valid proof of identity.

Which jurisdictions are currently non-compliant?

The following are non-compliant jurisdictions:

- American Samoa (AS)
- Illinois (IL)
- Minnesota (MN)*
- Missouri (MO)
- Washington (WA)*

* Enhanced Driver's Licenses (EDL) may be accepted. In part, EDLs are identifiable by the American flag and the word "Enhanced" on the face of the card.

How does the Act impact SNL?

The Act impacts SNL in two distinct areas that concern access control:

- SNL badging under DOE requirements (see SNL Badging section below)
- Entry to Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) in Albuquerque, NM, under Department of Defense (DoD) requirements (see KAFB Entry section below)

SNL must comply with the unique policies of each agency and, in the case of REAL ID, this includes recognizing the types of identification documents considered acceptable by each agency.

Do I need to do anything?

For those who already possess valid SNL badges (i.e., a DOE HSPD-12 credential or SNL-issued Local Site Specific Only [LSSO] badge), no action is necessary insofar as access to SNL-controlled premises is concerned.
However, access to KAFB is a separate issue. If KAFB access is needed (required for most SNL/NM locations), DoD requirements must be observed (see “KAFB Entry” below).

**SNL Badging**

The identification documents listed below must be in original form (not copies), unaltered, unexpired, and valid (not cancelled or suspended). Failure to satisfy these requirements will result in denial of access to Sandia-controlled premises.

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<th>ID Required for Initial SNL Badge</th>
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<td>Individual must comply with EITHER of the following identity validation options.</td>
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**OPTION A**

Present **one** of the documents cited in the List of Acceptable Forms of Identification.*

**OPTION B**

Present a non-compliant state-issued driver’s license or ID card AND **one** of the following documents:

1. U.S. Social Security Card (must not be laminated)
2. Original or certified copy of birth certificate bearing an official seal issued by a state, county, municipal authority, possession, or outlying possession of the U.S.
3. Certification of birth abroad or Certification of Report of Birth issued by the Department of State (Form FS-545 or Form DS-1350)
4. Voter registration card
5. U.S. Citizen ID Card (Form I-197)
6. Native American Tribal document

* [Click here to see the List of Acceptable Forms of Identification.](#)
KAFB Entry

Implementation of REAL ID at KAFB (e.g., for entry to the Base), including changes to Defense Biometric Identification System (DBIDS) requirements, continues to evolve at the discretion of the DoD. The information provided below is routinely updated, but it is limited and based on what is currently known. (See Article 398 for details about DBIDS.)

The identification documents listed below must be in original form (not copies), unaltered, unexpired, and valid (not cancelled or suspended).
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<th>ID Required for KAFB Entry (at the gates)</th>
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<td>- Non-DoD federal Personal Identity Verification (PIV) card—issued by legislative, executive, and judicial branches of the federal government (e.g., DOE HSPD-12 credential)</td>
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<td>- DBIDS card</td>
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<td>- DoD Common Access Card (CAC)—all versions (active duty, guard/reserve, government employed civilian, contractor personnel, etc.)</td>
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<td>- DoD Military Identification Card—all versions (active duty, retired, reserve)</td>
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<td>- Department of the Army Civilian Identification Card</td>
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<td>- Transportation Workers Identification Credential (TWIC)</td>
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