

Motor Vehicle Advisory

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TO: All Law Enforcement Officials
FROM: B. Sue Fulton, Chair and Chief Administrator
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SUBJECT: “**REAL ID**” Driver Licenses and Non-Driver IDs

Effective July 2019, the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) will begin the issuance of **REAL ID** driver licenses and non-driver IDs as well as continuing to issue our standard driver licenses and non-driver ID. **REAL ID** is the new federal requirement for identification for commercial air travel and for entering certain federal facilities. Specifically, a non-**REAL ID** driver license or non-driver ID (as opposed to a passport or other federally-approved ID) will not be valid to fly within the U.S. beginning October 1, 2020.

Standard (non-**REAL ID**) driver licenses will start bearing the words “NOT FOR “REAL ID PURPOSES.” Both Standard and **REAL ID** documents are valid for general purposes, including driving. In addition, please note that all current driver licenses and non-driver IDs will continue to be valid.

Sample Images:



REAL ID Driver License

Standard Driver License

Special Note: The MVC has also started issuing all driver licenses, permits, and non-driver IDs to reflect the driver’s residential address (physical address versus mailing address, as a requirement of REAL ID). Up until this change, the mailing address had been printed on the above-mentioned documents. The mailing address (i.e., PO Box), however, will continue to be printed on **registration** documents. As a result, the address on the driver’s registration may no longer match the address on their other documents, if the driver has a different mailing address.