

What identification or documents do I need in order to travel?

For travel within the U.S.:

Travelers **18 and older** must present a valid, government-issued photo ID that includes:

- Full name
- Date of birth
- Gender
- Expiration date
- A tamper-resistant feature

Accepted forms of ID include:

- **REAL ID-compliant** driver's license or state ID (required starting **May 7, 2025**)
- U.S. passport or passport card
- DHS Trusted Traveler cards (Global Entry®, NEXUS, SENTRI, FAST)
- U.S. military ID
- Permanent Resident Card
- Border Crossing Card
- Enhanced driver's license (from a DHS-designated state)
- Native American Tribal Photo ID
- Airline or airport-issued ID (under a TSA-approved plan)
- Registered Traveler Card
- Foreign government-issued passport
- Canadian provincial driver's license or INAC card
- Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC)

Children under 18 don't need ID for domestic flights.

If you don't have an acceptable ID, you may be subject to additional screening or denied entry at security.

For international travel:

U.S. citizens and eligible travelers from Canada, Bermuda, or Mexico must present one of the following:

- A valid passport
- A Trusted Traveler Program card (NEXUS, SENTRI, FAST)
- U.S. military ID (with official orders)
- U.S. Merchant Mariner document (for official maritime travel)

Children must have their own passport for international air travel.

Lawful permanent residents must present a valid **Permanent Resident Card** — a passport is not required for reentry.

For more details, visit the [U.S. Customs and Border Protection](#) and [U.S. Department of State](#) websites.