

## REAL ID Implementation

Beginning today (7 May 2025), all adult travelers (age 18 and above) must present their [REAL ID](#) or [other appropriate forms of identification](#) accepted by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to board domestic flights and access certain federal facilities within the United States.

A REAL ID is a state-issued driver's license or identification card that meets the minimum-security standards set by the federal government in the REAL ID Act, which was enacted by Congress in 2005, upon the 9/11 Commission's recommendation.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) [explained](#) that federal agencies, including DHS and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), may only accept state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards as identification for purposes of accessing federal facilities—including TSA airport security checkpoints—if the license or card was issued by a REAL ID-compliant state in accordance with REAL ID security standards (meaning the license or card must include the REAL ID-compliant star marking).

Travelers should refer to the appropriate forms of identification accepted by the [TSA](#) for U.S. domestic air travel. Children under age 18 do not need a REAL ID; however, UAF ISSS recommends carrying the foreign passport, immigration document (I-20, DS-2019, copy of I-797 Approval notice, Permanent Residency card, and/or Employment Authorization Document (EAD)), and your I-94 arrival record for each member of your family when traveling in the U.S.

Please reach out to [UAF ISSS](#) for any questions.