

**PROOFS OF IDENTITY**

Use this form and form **MV-44.1** "How to Apply For A New York Learner Permit, Driver License, Non-Driver ID" when you apply for a:

**Learner Permit****Driver License****Non-Driver ID Card**

The forms are available at [www.dmv.ny.gov](http://www.dmv.ny.gov) and in all DMV offices.

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS TO PROVE YOUR IDENTITY**

- ◆ The New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will not issue a learner permit, driver license or non-driver ID card for the first time, or if you have a document that has been *expired for more than 2 years*, until you do the following:
  1. Prove your date of birth - Present one of the documents from the list below.
  2. Prove your name - You must show your Social Security Card and one or more documents that total 4 points from the list below. If you are not eligible to have a Social Security Card, you must show documents that total 6 points from the list below and a letter from the Social Security Administration (SSA) that was issued within 30 days of your application to DMV; the letter must state that you are not eligible to have the card. You must also show the Department of Homeland Security documentation that was used by the SSA to determine that you are not eligible. **NOTE:** Your name must be the same on each document that you show to prove your name.

If you have a valid NYS DMV photo document and you want a new photo document or a different one, you can show your DMV document to meet the required 6 points for proof of name. If DMV has no record of your Social Security Number, you must show your Social Security Card.
- ◆ Your signature must be on at least one of the documents that you show for proof.
- ◆ You must provide original documents or documents that are certified by the issuing agency. However, if DMV allows you to send your application by mail, you must send photocopies, do not send the original documents.
- ◆ DMV will not accept more than one document of the same type of proof. For example, 3 major credit cards count as one credit card. DMV will accept one INS/DHS document, which will be used to prove name and date of birth.
- ◆ DMV will not accept documents with any alterations or erasures. DMV will confiscate all documents that appear to be fraudulent so the documents can be reviewed by DMV's Investigations Unit. If you submit a fraudulent document, you may be subject to criminal prosecution.
- ◆ If you want an Enhanced Driver License (EDL) you must also prove you are a U.S. citizen and a resident of NYS. Refer to form ID-44EDL for a list of documents that you can show for proof.

**IMPORTANT:** Making a false statement in an application or in any proof or statement in conjunction with it, or deceiving or substituting, or causing another person to deceive or substitute in connection with such application, is punishable as a Class A misdemeanor pursuant to Section 210.45 of the Penal Law for Non-Driver card applicants, and is a misdemeanor under Section 392 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law for driver license applicants, and may result in the revocation or suspension of your license.

<b>ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTS FOR PROOF OF IDENTITY FOR LEARNER PERMIT, DRIVER LICENSE OR NON-DRIVER ID CARD</b> Expired documents are NOT acceptable, except where specifically noted in the table below.	<b>POINT VALUE FOR PROOF OF NAME</b>	<b>ACCEPTABLE AS PROOF OF DATE OF BIRTH?</b>
<b>US or US Territory Birth Certificate</b> showing both first and last name, issued by a Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, or US State Department. ( <i>US Territories are: American Samoa, Guam, Mariana Islands, Marshall Islands, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and Wake Island.</i> )	0	<b>YES</b>
US DOS Consular Report of Birth Abroad (FS-240, DS-1350, F-545)	0	<b>YES</b>
<b>NYS Photo Driver License /Learner Permit/Non-Driver ID Card.</b> Must be current or not expired for more than 2 years.	<b>6</b>	NO
DMV form MV-45 Statement of Identity And/Or Residence IF UNDER AGE 21. Affidavit by a parent or legal guardian, signed in the presence of a DMV representative. See the MV-45 for more information.	4	NO
DMV form MV-45A Statement of Identity And/Or Residence - For Applicants Represented by Government or Government-Approved Facilities. See the MV-45A for more information.	4	NO
DMV form MV-45B Statement of Identity - For Applicants Who Can Be Considered A Disenfranchised, Homeless Youth. See the MV-45B for more information.	4	NO
US State Department issued Passport or Passport Card.	4	<b>YES</b>
US Military Photo ID Card (issued to active, reserve, and retired military personnel only )	3	<b>YES</b>
Certificate of Citizenship (N-560, N-561 or N-645)	3	<b>YES</b>
Certificate of Naturalization (N-550, N-570 or N-578)	3	<b>YES</b>
Employment Authorization Card (I-688B or I-766) with photo, issued by INS/DHS (must be valid)	3	<b>YES</b>
Permanent Resident Card I-551.	3	<b>YES</b>
Reentry Permit (I-327).	3	<b>YES</b>
Refugee Travel Document (I-571).	3	<b>YES</b>
Foreign Passport with a valid I-551 stamp or with a statement on the Visa. Passport must be in English or translated by an embassy.	3	<b>YES</b>
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Foreign Passport with a Visa and a valid I-94 issued by INS/DHS. Passport must be in English or translated by an embassy. Also, if your I-94 has status code: - <b>F1</b> (student) or <b>F2</b> (spouse or child of student), you must also show the original stamped INS/DHS form <b>I-20</b> , with any subsequent I-20 and "notice of approval" (if appropriate). To be acceptable, the school that the student attends must be located within NYS. - <b>J1</b> (exchange visitor) or <b>J2</b> (spouse or child of exchange visitor), you must also show the original stamped INS/DHS form <b>DS-2019</b> with any subsequent IAP-66 and "notice of approval" (if appropriate). - <b>A1, A2, G1</b> or <b>G3</b> : Contact the Department of State to get a driver license, learner permit, or non-driver identification card. - <b>G4</b> : Apply for DMV services <b>only</b> at DMV's Herald Square office. - <b>I</b> : Bring a letter from the Foreign Press Center to DMV's Herald Square office. <i>Refugees and Asylees must submit paperwork to the Supervisor for approval.</i>	3	<b>YES</b>
Welfare/Medicaid/NY Food Stamp Card WITH Photo	3	NO
Welfare/Medicaid/NY Food Stamp Card WITHOUT Photo	2	NO
NYS Interim License/Permit, without photo	2	NO
NYS or NYC Pistol Permit	2	NO
NYS Professional License	2	NO
NYS Registration Document (Vehicle or Boat only)	2	NO
NYS Certificate of Title	2	NO
Photo Driver License issued by another US State, jurisdiction or possession, or Canadian Province or territory. (This license must be current or expired no longer than 1 year).	2	NO
St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Photo ID Card	2	NO
Canadian Birth Certificate with St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Photo ID Card	2	<b>YES</b>
US Military Dependent ID Card	2	NO
US College ID Card With Photo and Transcript	2	NO
US High School ID Card with Report Card	2	NO
US Marriage or Divorce Record OR Court Issued Name Change Decree	2	NO
US Social Security Card	2	NO
US Computer Printed Pay Stub (must have your name)	1	NO
US Employee ID Card	1	NO
US High School Diploma OR GED (General Equivalency Diploma)	1	NO
US Supermarket Check Cashing Card (must have your signature and pre-printed name)	1	NO
US Union Card	1	NO
US Health Insurance Card/Prescription Card	1	NO
US Life Insurance Policy (in effect at least 2 years)	1	NO
US Utility Bill (must include your name and address)	1	NO
Veterans Universal Access Photo ID Card	1	NO
W-2 Form (must have your Social Security number on it)	1	NO
Only <b>one</b> of the following items, if issued by the <b>same</b> financial institution, can be submitted: ◆ US Bank Statement ◆ US Cancelled Check (with your pre-printed name on it) ◆ US Cash Card (ATM) (must have your signature & pre-printed name) ◆ Valid Major US Credit Card	1	NO

