



U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents Identification Checklist

General Information

- All documents must be **unaltered certified originals, certified amended originals, or true copies certified by the issuing agency**. Photocopies, notarized documents, and online printouts are not accepted. Miniature and wallet sized documents are not accepted.
- **You must provide your Social Security Number**. You can either present a document that shows your number (e.g. Social Security card, W2, 1099) or provide it verbally. Your Social Security Number will be verified through the Social Security Administration.
- If you are transferring driving privilege, you must also provide your driver license (valid or expired less than one year) or a motor vehicle report from your previous state/U.S. territory (dated within 30 days and showing a license that is valid or expired less than one year).
- U.S. citizens and permanent residents will receive a Real ID-compliant document. ★

Step 1 – Identity and Lawful Presence

Bring **one** of the following:

Colorado driver license/instruction permit/ID card
(Unexpired/expired less than 10 years)

Unexpired ENHANCED out-of-state driver license/ID
card (**Available only from MI, NY, MN, WA, VT**)

Unexpired U.S. passport or U.S. passport card

Certificate of naturalization/citizenship (Issued within
20 years)

Unexpired permanent resident card (I-551), foreign
passport with unexpired I-551 stamp, or expired I-551
with I-797 extension

Valid I-94 Refugee/Approved Asylee (with foreign
passport, DHS attached photograph, or USCIS
Travel Document)

OR

Bring **one** of the following:

Certified U.S. Birth Certificate

Consular report of birth abroad

Certificate of naturalization/citizenship (Issued
20+ years ago)

Certified U.S. adoption order (with birth
information)

Refugee/Approved Asylee I-94 without photo

AND

Bring **one** of the following:

Colorado driver license/instruction permit/ID card
(Unexpired/expired less than 10 years)

Out-of-state driver license/instruction permit/ID
card (Unexpired/expired less than 10 years)

U.S. passport or U.S. passport card (Expired
less than 10 years)

Military ID/Common Access Card (Unexpired/
expired less than 10 years)

VA card (issued within 20 years)

Bureau of Indian Affairs or Tribal ID with photo
(Issued within 20 years)

Federal Bureau of Prisons or State Department
of Corrections ID card

Parent or legal guardian with identity document
and proof of guardianship (if under age 21)

Step 2 – Residential Address

Bring **two** of the following:

First class mail (with dated postmark)	Bank Statement
Credit card statement	Pay Stub
Insurance Policy	Phone/Utility bill (with service address)
Rent receipt (not handwritten)	Vehicle registration/title
Lease agreement/mortgage statement	

Document must show applicant's name and current Colorado residential (not P.O. Box) address - including street address, city, and state.

Document must be dated within **1 year** showing full date. Electronic documents are accepted for proof of residential address.

Step 3 – Check Your Name

If your Step 1 document does not show your full name (including middle name) or shows an initial, you must present an additional Step 1 document to prove your full name.

If your Step 1 documents show different names due to name change(s) you must provide **at least one** the following:

Certified Marriage Certificate	Certified U.S. divorce decree (showing change of name)	Certified U.S. court order of name change or U.S. adoption order
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If you have had more than one name change you will need to bring as many documents as needed to connect the names shown.

Veteran/Military Indicators:

Bring your DD214 or Retired/Active Military ID to get a Veteran or Military Indicator added to your license or ID.

Organ, Eye & Tissue Donation:

You will be asked about organ, eye and tissue donation during your application. Please consider your choice in advance.

Exceptions Processing:

If, for reasons beyond your control, you cannot provide the required documents, you may be eligible for Exceptions Processing. Visit our website to learn more: [Colorado.gov/DMV/exceptions-processing](https://colorado.gov/dmv/exceptions-processing)

Translation / Interpreters

If you need language assistance to complete your application, a Pocketalk translation device is available at all offices. You may also bring a friend or family member to assist.

This handout is provided as a courtesy and may not apply to all situations.

Applicable statutes and rules can be found in 6 CFR 37.11, CRS Title 42 Article 2, and 1 CCR 204-30.