

PASSPORT



**U.S. Border Security
is a big issue.**

*United States
of America*





THE NEW WASHINGTON ENHANCED DRIVERS LICENSE AND ID CARD.

New U.S. Passport requirements could have a big impact on travel between the United States and Canada. That's why the State of Washington Department of Licensing has issued the first passport alternative for travel by land or sea.

Beginning in early 2008, the new Washington Enhanced Driver's License and I.D. Cards (EDL/ID) will be available to Washington residents. It acts as your regular drivers' license or I.D. card, but it is enhanced with special security features that work like a passport when crossing the border by car or boat (passports will still be required for air travel).

It's faster to get than a passport and only adds \$15 to the cost of a standard driver's license. It's the only approved alternative to a U.S. Passport, and it's only available to Washington State residents. Learn more at www.dol.wa.gov



So we're bringing it down to size.



Introducing the passport alternative to Canada.



TRAVELING TO CANADA?

Read this first!

As you may have heard, the U.S. government is changing the rules for travelers crossing the border between the U.S. and Canada. Beginning January 1, 2008, all travelers entering the U.S. will be required to have a valid passport. Right now, only air travelers are required to have a passport when they enter the U.S. But in 2008, the passport requirement will be extended to cover travelers who enter the U.S. by land or sea.

The Passport Alternative to Canada

In January, 2008, Washington residents will be able to obtain an Enhanced Driver's License or ID card. An Enhanced Driver's License or ID is an ordinary driver's license or ID card with added security enhancements that allow you to enter the U.S. at a land or sea border. An Enhanced Driver's License or ID provides an easy and convenient passport alternative for Washington travelers going to and from Canada.

How It Works

An Enhanced Driver's License or ID is embedded with a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tag that contains a unique reference number for the traveler. The RFID tag is scanned by border agents using a handheld scanner, allowing you to cross the border safely and conveniently, with minimal delay.

By Land Or By Sea, Use Enhanced ID

Use the Enhanced Driver's License or ID card when you are entering Canada or returning to the U.S. by land (such as at the border crossings at Blaine, Laurier, or Frontier, Washington) or by sea (such as using the Victoria Clipper or Washington State Ferries). If you travel to Canada and return to the U.S. by air, you will still need a passport.



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WHY USE AN ENHANCED DRIVER'S LICENSE OR ID INSTEAD OF A PASSPORT? THREE REASONS...

It's faster... You can get an Enhanced Driver's License or ID much faster than a passport. An Enhanced Driver's License or ID will be sent to you within a week after you approved for it. A passport typically takes six to eight weeks to arrive.

It's cheaper... An Enhanced Driver's License or ID is only \$15 more than the fee for a regular driver's license or ID card (which is normally only \$20-\$25). A passport fee is currently \$97.

And it fits in your wallet! Unlike a passport, an Enhanced Driver's License or ID fits in your wallet, making it even easier for you to locate and present to the customs officials when you get to the border. An Enhanced Driver's License or ID is more convenient than a passport, because you can keep it with you and use it whenever you need it.

HOW DO I GET ONE?

How Do I Get An Enhanced Driver's License or ID?

The Enhanced Driver's License or ID is offered by the Washington State Department of Licensing (WSDOL). You can apply for an Enhanced Driver's License or ID card at any of 11 participating WSDOL Licensing Service Office locations across the state. Go to www.dol.wa.gov for a list of participating offices.

Do I HAVE to get an Enhanced Driver's License or ID?

No. The program is completely voluntary.

What do I need in order to get an Enhanced Driver's License or ID?

To obtain an Enhanced Driver's License or ID, you must apply in-person at a participating WSDOL Licensing Service Office. You must have your photo taken, provide your Social Security Number, be interviewed by DOL staff, and provide documentation to prove your U.S. citizenship, identity, and Washington State residency.

What documents do I need to apply for the Enhanced Driver's License or ID?

You will need one of each of the following three types of documents:

- Proof of U.S. Citizenship, such as a valid U.S. passport, your birth certificate, a certificate of naturalization, or a certificate of citizenship
- Proof of Washington State residency, such as a telephone or electricity bill with your name and address on it
- Proof of identity, such as a valid driver's license or ID card, military ID card, or tribal identification card.

Go to www.dol.wa.gov for a complete list of accepted documents.

Will my children need an Enhanced ID?

No. Children under 16 are exempt from passport rules and only need to have a certified birth certificate when they enter the U.S. accompanied by their parents.

Will my Enhanced Driver's License or ID be accepted at ANY U.S. border?

Yes. The Enhanced Driver's License or ID card meets federal requirements and best practices for border crossing documents, and will be accepted as a passport alternative for entry into the U.S. at land and sea borders between the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and the Caribbean.

SECURITY

Will my Enhanced Driver's License or ID include any personal information that could be stolen from me?

Nothing beyond the information that normally appears on your regular driver's license or ID card. The Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tag on the Enhanced Driver's License or ID -- the part that is scanned by the custom's agents when you enter the U.S. -- contains only a unique reference number that identifies you to the customs agents as a U.S. citizen and Washington State resident. The RFID does not contain any personal or biographic information.

What type of security enhancements will the Enhanced Driver's License or ID have?

The Enhanced Driver's License or ID will have the following high-tech security enhancements:

- An icon on the front of the card to indicate that it is an Enhanced Driver's License or ID.
- A Machine Readable Zone on the back of the card that can be scanned at the border, just like a passport.
- A Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tag embedded in the card. This RFID tag is required by the federal government to facilitate rapid identification checks at the border.
- Data encryption, secure networks, and firewalls protect the transmission of information from your Enhanced Driver's License or ID.





