

## New changes in document requirements

The U.S. government is changing the rules for travelers crossing the border between the U.S. and Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean. Previously, only air travelers were required to have a passport or other secure document when they entered the U.S. Soon the document requirement will be extended to cover travelers who enter the U.S. at any border crossing or seaport.

## A passport alternative to Canada

In January, 2008, Washington residents who are U.S. citizens will be able to obtain an Enhanced Driver License or ID card. An Enhanced Driver License or ID is a driver license or ID card with added security enhancements that allow Washington travelers to enter the U.S. at any land or sea border. The Enhanced Driver License or ID program is voluntary. It provides an easy and convenient document for Washington State residents who are U.S. citizens traveling to and from Canada.

## How it works

An Enhanced Driver 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 officers, allowing the traveler to cross the border safely and conveniently.

## By land or by sea, use Enhanced ID

Travelers can use the Enhanced Driver License or ID card when they are traveling to Canada and 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, Victoria Express or Washington State Ferries). People who travel to Canada and return to the U.S. by air will still need a passport.



## Office Locations

The following office locations will offer EDL/ID services beginning January 22, 2008. Call for EDL/ID specific questions or to schedule an appointment.

### Western Washington

Bellingham	360-676-2182
Bothell	425-489-1718
Hazel Dell	360-576-6010
Lacey	360-407-0041
Parkland	253-536-6000
Port Angeles	206-764-4000
Smokey Point	360-653-8278
West Seattle	206-764-4001

### Eastern Washington

Kennewick	509-734-7031
North Spokane	509-482-3611
Wenatchee	509-662-0467

Visit  
[www.dol.wa.gov](http://www.dol.wa.gov)  
for more information

# Enhanced Driver License and Identification Card



## WHY USE AN ENHANCED DRIVER LICENSE OR ID? THREE REASONS...

### It's faster...

You can get an Enhanced Driver License quickly and easily. An Enhanced Driver License or ID will be sent to you approximately two weeks after you are approved for it.

### It's cheaper...

An Enhanced Driver License or ID is only \$15 more than the fee for a regular driver license or ID card (which is normally only \$20-\$25). A passport fee for adults is currently \$97, plus the cost of two passport photos.

### And it fits in your wallet!

An Enhanced Driver License or ID fits in your wallet, so it's easy to locate and present to border officials. An Enhanced Driver License or ID is convenient because you can keep it with you while you travel and use it whenever you need it. Plus, you can leave all of your important personal papers safe at home.

## GETTING AN ENHANCED DRIVER LICENSE OR ID

### Where can I get an Enhanced Driver License or ID?

The Enhanced Driver License or ID is a voluntary program offered by the Washington State Department of Licensing (DOL). Washington state residents who are U.S. citizens can apply for an Enhanced Driver License or ID card at any of 11 participating DOL Licensing Service Office locations across the state. A list of participating offices is on the back of this brochure.

### Are Washington residents REQUIRED to get an Enhanced Driver License or ID?

No. The program is completely voluntary.

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

To obtain an Enhanced Driver License or ID, you must apply in-person at a participating DOL Licensing Service Office. As part of the application process, you must have your photo taken\* and be interviewed by DOL staff. You must also provide:

- Your Social Security number
- Proof that you are a U.S. citizen
- Proof of your identity
- Proof that you are a resident of Washington State

\*Facial Recognition - You will be asked to sign a declaration stating that you understand that biometric identification is being utilized. Biometric identity software recognizes your facial features and diagrams your photo into a digital code that can be stored and compared to an identity database, helping to protect against identity theft and fraud. Learn more about how biometric identification is used at [www.dol.wa.gov](http://www.dol.wa.gov).

### What documents will I need when I apply for the Enhanced Driver License or ID?

Whether you're a first-time licensee, or you're renewing your license, you will need to provide one of the following three types of documents to establish, or re-establish your citizenship, identity and residence with the Department of Licensing.

You will need one of each, "original or government certified copies," of the following three types of documents:

- Proof of U.S. citizenship, such as a valid U.S. passport, a birth certificate, a certificate of naturalization, a certificate of citizenship, or a Department of State Consular Report of Birth Abroad.
- Proof of Washington State residency such as a homeowner's insurance policy, utility bill, or mortgage documents with your name and the address of your current residence.
- Proof of identity\*, such as a valid U.S. passport, a valid driver license or ID card, military ID card, or tribal identification card.

\* If the name on your birth certificate is different than your current name, you must also show us one document as proof of your name change, such as a government certified marriage certificate.

A complete list of accepted documents can be found at [www.dol.wa.gov](http://www.dol.wa.gov).

### Can children get an Enhanced ID?

The Enhanced Driver License and Identification Card is completely voluntary. Parents are encouraged to obtain an Enhanced ID for their children to establish their identity and citizenship, which will help speed border crossing when they're traveling with a custodial parent or legal guardian.

### Will the Enhanced Driver License or ID be accepted at ANY U.S. border?

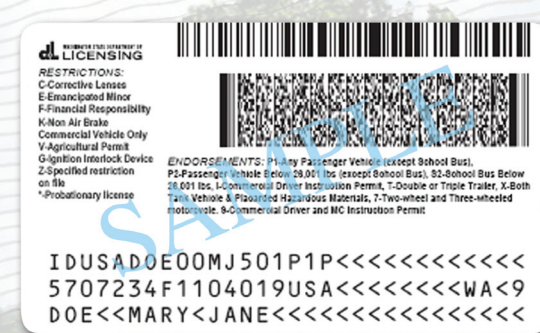
Yes. The Enhanced Driver License or ID card meets federal requirements for border crossing documents and will be accepted for entry into the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and the Caribbean.

## SECURITY

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

The Enhanced Driver 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 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 and security checks at the border. RFID has been used in border programs like NEXUS since 1995.
- Data encryption, secure networks, and firewalls protect the transmission of information from the traveler's Enhanced Driver License or ID.



### Will the RFID tag in my Enhanced Driver License or ID include any personal information?

No. The Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tag on the Enhanced Driver License or ID -- the part that is scanned by border officers when travelers enter the U.S. -- contains only a unique reference number. The RFID does not contain any personal or biographic information. The unique reference number will be matched to DOL records to verify the information contained on the front of the Enhanced Driver License or ID card.