

REAL ID Deadline Postponed Until 2025 - Travel & Regulations

The Department of Homeland Security has announced that it will extend the REAL ID full enforcement date back 2 years from the original date of May 3, 2023, to May 7, 2025.

This extension grants states the ability to work through the backlogs created by the COVID-19 pandemic. The additional time should allow states to complete the transition towards driver's licenses and identification cards that meet the security standards passed by the REAL ID Act.

The REAL ID Act, passed by Congress in 2005, established air travel security standards for state-issued identification cards, including driver's licenses. These standards include anti-counterfeiting technology, preventing insider fraud, and checking records to ensure people do not claim to be someone other than themselves. After the enforcement date in 2025, every traveler must have a REAL ID-compliant identification card to pass through security checkpoints for air travel.

Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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