You must choose whether you want to get a REAL or not. A REAL card will have a gold star on it and can be used to board airplanes or enter secure federal facilities. Without a REAL ID, you must have another federally approved identification, such as a valid US Passport or military identification, and show it to pass security at airports nationwide or enter secure federal facilities. You do not need a REAL ID if you are employed as a U.S. government employee or employee of any state, local, or Tribal government. You also do not need a REAL ID if you are a non-citizen in the United States on parole and do not need a REAL ID for purposes of merely residing in the United States for the purpose of work or school. If you are a non-citizen, you must have another federally approved identification, such as a valid US Passport or military ID, and show it to pass security at airports nationwide or enter secure federal facilities. Regardless of what choice you make, you must complete the following steps:

**Driver’s License:** If you are applying for a license you must complete these steps:

A. Surrender any driver’s license, beginning permit, or identification card issued by another state in the US. If a non-commercial license or ID was lost or stolen, you must provide a certified copy of your driver’s record from the state that issued the license, beginning permit or identification card. However, a CDL holder must get a replacement license from his state of record and surrender it to SC. If you have a driver’s license or beginning permit issued by another country, it may be shown to be valid (not surrendered) as proof of prior driving experience.

B. You must provide the name of your automobile liability insurance company that is licensed to do business in SC if requested (not required for a permit or ID). Your information is subject to electronic verification. SC Code Section 56-1-802.

C. The SCDMV may electronically verify with the Social Security Administration (SSA) or a letter from SSA stating you are not allowed to work in the US. See 6 CFR Section 317.11(c) SC Code Section 56-1-90.

D. Provide original identification for an ID must complete the following steps A and C above.

You must provide the following original documents unless otherwise stated. All documents are subject to verification. Documents not in English must be translated by a qualified translator on the Translation Document (SCDVM form 4030). The translator must provide a letter of verification from his/her office letterhead qualifying him as a translator.

1. **Proof of SC Address**

   a) Unexpired SC beginning permit, driver’s license, ID, or vehicle registration: must show your current residential address or your updated address must be on file within the SCDMV’s system if it is not reflected on your credential.

   b) Unexpired SC Concealed Weapons Permit (CWP); Fishing/hunting licenses or boat/jet ski registrations (Department of Natural Resources projects).

   c) Voter registration card:

   1. County tax bill or property tax receipt for your vehicle or home (current and prior year). Must be mailed to your SC address.

   d) State or Federal tax records

   Income tax returns for current or prior year are acceptable including electronic tax file, Form W-2, or Form 1099-B Health [Insurance] Coverage. You must be listed as a primary tax payer or dependent.

   e) School records must be from an SC school, college or university unless otherwise noted (current or prior school year)

   – Report card (must show your name and current SC address)

   – Letter from school and/or Home Schooling Association.

   – Official letter from your SC school or school district on school or district letterhead (must indicate enrollment period).

   – Transcript (SC school, college or university).

   – Out-of-state or in-state tuition bill or receipt of student loan with your SC physical address.

   – Letter from an out-of-state boarding school or a professional career development institute: must indicate that you live in SC and attend school out-of-state.

   f) Social security check or annual statement.

   If presenting one of the following items, it cannot be more than 90 DAYS OLD

   g) Utility bill, payment receipt, or approved application for services at your current SC residence (mailed to your SC address but an out-of-state address) or

   – may be a water, sewer, gas and electricity, cable/satellite TV, internet, cell phone or telephone bill.

   h) Financial statements: credit card or bank statement or signed letter on bankhead:

   must also show your name and current physical address as the account holder.

   i) Home mortgage monthly statement or deed.

   j) Insurance documentation from a company licensed to do business in SC:

   – Automobile or life insurance bill or payment receipt (cards or policies are not accepted).

   – Health insurance statement or payment receipt, explanation of benefits (cards or policies are not accepted).

   – Homeowner’s insurance policy, payment receipt, or bill.

   k) Current letter of employment or payroll stub/statement from an SC or out-of-state employer.

   l) Unexpired Social Security card:

   – Change of address confirmation letter or postmarked US mail with forwarding address label must contain your current SC name, state and zip code.

   – Any postmarked mail showing your name and delivered by the US Post Office to your current address such as: personal letters, or magazines (not advertisements).

   m) Passport(s) from U.S. consulate:

   n) Letter from director of SC social welfare institution (such as a homeless shelter, battered women’s shelter, halfway house, group home, or orphanage): must state you are a resident of the facility.

   Other documents issued by federal/state/municipal government.

**Authorized Length of Stay**

In addition to the above documents that are required of all immigrants, you must provide an additional document authorizing your current stay for the specific visa status you were granted. Listed below are the most common visa statuses. If your visa allows you to work or attend school in the US, you must provide written verification from your employer or school on company letterhead knowing that you are currently employed or enrolled in good standing. The appropriate designated authority must sign the letter.

**What is your visa status?**

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**Legal Documents Supporting Name Change(s)**

If your name has changed since birth, you must present the legal document(s) (such as: adoption records, copy of marriage certificate or license issued by state/counties records office, certificate of naturalization, and court ordered name change) supporting all name change(s) from the name which appears on your immigration document to the present. You must provide your current valid US issued immigration document (EAD, I-797 Notice of Approval, permanent resident card) as it will appear on your SC driver’s license, your permit, or ID. You have one opportunity at the time of marriage to change your middle and/or last name. You may not change your name again to a different variation of the married name without a court order.