

IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME GETTING AN IOWA LICENSE OR ID? OR ARE YOU REQUESTING A REAL ID?

PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

STEP 1

PROOF OF IDENTITY AND LEGAL STATUS

Bring your most recent U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) immigration or refugee document. If your current legal name is different from the name listed on your USCIS document, you must also bring the legal name change document.

Examples: Temporary I-551 in passport, Permanent I-551, Temporary visa (with passport), I-94 card (with (temporary) or without (Refugee D/S) passport), electronic I-94, Employment Authorization card (I-766)













STEP 2

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER*

If you are eligible for a social security number (SSN), either bring your SSN card or a document that contains your current name and SSN. (TIN numbers are not accepted).

Examples: Social Security Card, W-2 tax form







*If you aren't eligible for a SSN with the Social Security Administration, skip this step.

STEP 3

IOWA RESIDENCY & ADDRESS

Bring **two (2)** documents that show your current name and the lowa address where you live.

Examples: Utility bill, bank statement, credit card statement, mortgage, lease or rental agreement, valid insurance card or certificate of coverage, mail with your address (envelope, box, postcard, or magazine that includes a postmark or stamped date)



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HELPFUL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

O: WHAT IF I HAVE MORE THAN ONE DOCUMENT? WHICH DOCUMENT DO I BRING?

A: Both! It is better to provide us with more information than less. We can determine which document is needed to obtain a driver's license or identification card.

EXAMPLE

A refugee who has an unexpired I-766 and a permanent I-94 should bring both documents. Our staff will determine which document is needed.

Q: WHAT IF I HAVE A CURRENT IOWA LICENSE/ID AND MY CURRENT USCIS DOCUMENT IS EXPIRED, AND I SENT MY PAPERWORK IN FOR EXTENSION OR RENEWAL?

A: Bring your expired USCIS immigration document (for example, I-766/employment authorization card) and any paperwork used to file for your renewal with USCIS. We can create a necessary SAVE case requesting USCIS verify your current eligibility.

Q: WHAT IF MY CURRENT USCIS DOCUMENT IS EXPIRED AND I AM TRYING TO OBTAIN REAL ID?

A: For REAL ID, all USCIS immigration documents must be valid. You can bring your expired I-766/employment authorization card with your approved I-797 Notice of Action.

Q: WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE AN IOWA LICENSE/ID AND MY CURRENT USCIS DOCUMENT IS EXPIRED, AND I SENT MY PAPERWORK IN FOR EXTENSION OR RENEWAL?

A: You will need to bring your unexpired USCIS immigration document(s).

*If you are applying for an lowa license or ID for the first time, the lowa DOT will not issue a driver's license or ID card if your immigration document shows your remaining status is less than 30 days. For those with existing lowa credentials, you may be eligible for a 60-day extension while awaiting USCIS renewal response. Contact us for further information.







