

WV CITIZENS UNDER 21

ISSUED AT AGES 18 - 20

BLUE Driver's Licenses

(Including Headers: Graduated DL - DL3 and Driver's Licenses)

ISSUED AT AGES 15 - 17

RED Driver's Licenses

(Including Headers: Instruction Permit - IP 1, Intermediate DL - IP 2, Graduated DL - DL3, and Driver's Licenses)



"Not For Federal Identification" Cards
These cards have a gold band under the license type that reads "NOT FOR FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION"



"For Federal Identification" Cards
These cards have a gold star in the upper right hand corner as an indicator.

Security Features

- All new licenses and identification cards feature a Holographic overlay featuring the state with the beautiful New River Gorge bridge.
- There is a MICRO Print line featured on the back of the card across the bottom.
- When scanned, the 2D barcode contains all of the information identifying the cardholder and should match what is on the face of the card.
- Each card has a "ghost image" of the cardholder's picture under the signature field.

Field Details

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| 1. Last Name | 8. Street Address |
| 2. First and Middle Name | 9. Class of License |
| 3. Date of Birth | 9a. Endorsements |
| 4a. Issue Date | 12. Restrictions |
| 4b. Expiration Date | 15. Sex |
| 4d. License or ID Number | 16. Height |
| 5. Unique Identifier (Control Number) | 17. Weight |
| | 18. Eye Color |

On the Back Side of the Cards

Each type of card can have it's own set of unique restrictions. The back sides of these cards give detailed information that the driver is required to follow in accordance with WV law.

"FOR" and "NOT FOR" Licenses

As of January 3, 2012, per the REAL ID Act of 2005, the standards and types of state issued driver's licenses and identification cards have changed. This effort has resulted in more options for all citizens.

The difference in the appearance of these cards is noted in the grey boxes above. Now, a citizen can apply for a card that is either REAL ID compliant, featuring a gold star on the upper right corner (shown top right), or one that is "NOT FOR FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION", featuring a gold band displaying the phrase (shown top left).

For more information on the difference between the two, please visit: www.dmv.wv.gov/Drivers-Licenses