

## WV Driver's License Samples for Citizens 21 and Over (as of 04/24/2023)



## **Security Features**

- All new licenses and identification cards feature a holographic overlay featuring the State Capital dome.
- There is a MICRO Print outline of the state on the back side of the card.
- 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 in the bottom right corner.

## **REAL ID and NOT FOR FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION Cards**

Beginning May 7, 2025, 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 gray boxes above. Citizens 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, displaying the phrase in all caps in its upper right side (shown top left).

For more information and the difference between the two options, please visit:

dmv.wv.gov/Drivers-Licenses