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## **MEMORANDUM** **REAL ID ACT KENTUCKY**

### **Can I use my Kentucky driver's license or Personal ID card to board a flight within the United States?**

Yes. Your Kentucky driver's license or Personal ID card is sufficient to board domestic commercial flights, through October 10, 2018. At that time, the federal Department of Homeland Security is expected to release new guidance for Kentucky's identity credentials.

### **Do I need a passport to fly within the United States?**

No. Kentuckians can continue to use a valid Kentucky driver's license or Personal ID card to board domestic commercial flights within the United States through October 10, 2018. At that time, the federal Department of Homeland Security is expected to issue additional extensions to Kentucky and numerous other states as these states work toward compliance with federal law.

### **What is a Kentucky Voluntary Travel ID?**

Beginning in January 2019, a Voluntary Travel ID will become available. This optional version of a Kentucky driver's license or personal ID card meets federal standards for boarding domestic commercial flights and entering restricted governmental facilities.

### **Will I have to get a Voluntary Travel ID?**

No. The Voluntary Travel ID is voluntary. You will have the option to get a Voluntary Travel ID if you ever plan to fly within the United States or need to enter a restricted federal facility, such as a military base or nuclear power plant. You will always have the option to get a standard Kentucky driver's license, but it is not approved for use when flying commercially within the United States or entering restricted federal facilities.

### **When can I get a Voluntary Travel ID?**

Kentucky's Voluntary Travel ID should be available beginning in 2019.

**Can I use my Kentucky driver license or personal ID card to enter military bases?**

Military bases within the United States maintain their own credential requirements. You should always contact the military base you plan to visit to get their guidelines on what credentials are acceptable for entering the facility.

**Can I use my Kentucky driver license or personal ID card to enter places such as the Social Security Office, federal courthouses and VA hospitals?**

Yes. Your Kentucky driver's license and personal ID card are valid for use as an ID credential for entering places such as the Social Security office, federal courthouses and VA hospitals.

**Why are we changing Kentucky's driver licenses and personal ID cards?**

In 2017, the Kentucky General Assembly passed a law that will bring major changes to Kentucky's driver's license and personal ID card programs that will modernize Kentucky's issuance system and enable Kentucky to meet new security requirements issued by the federal government. These new requirements affect things like boarding domestic commercial airline flights within the United States and entering restricted federal facilities, such as military bases and nuclear power plants.

**Will the new Kentucky driver license and personal ID card be part of a national identification card program?**

No. Kentucky will maintain strict control over its driver's license and personal ID card programs and will only share information with law enforcement agencies for the specific purpose of fraud detection.

**How will I get my new Kentucky driver license?**

You will apply for your Kentucky driver's license or personal ID card at the Circuit Court Clerk's office in the county where you live. Successful applicants should receive their new driver's license or personal ID card in the mail. A temporary license or personal ID credential will be issued for use until you receive your permanent license.

**What documents will I need to get my new Kentucky driver license or personal ID card after they become available in 2019?**

To be issued a Kentucky Voluntary Travel ID, or for new applicants to be issued either license, you will need to present two pieces of mail to provide proof of residence and two of the following: your certified birth certificate, your Social Security card, or your U.S. Passport. To get a standard Kentucky driver's license or personal ID card renewed, you will only need to surrender your old license or personal ID card to your Circuit Court Clerk.

**When I receive a temporary license or personal ID card after requesting a new license or ID card, how long with the temporary license be valid?**

Your temporary driver's license or personal ID card will be valid for 30 days, or until you receive your permanent license or ID card in the mail.

**Will my personal identity information be shared with the federal government or another entity?**

No. Kentucky will maintain strict control over the privacy of those who hold Kentucky driver's licenses and personal ID cards. Personal information will only be shared with law enforcement entities when there is a credible need to investigate fraud.

**Where will my personal identity information be stored?**

Under Kentucky's new system, personal identity information will be even more secure. All personal identity data will be stored centrally in a system that meets the highest available security standards.

**How much will my new Kentucky driver license or personal ID card cost?**

Beginning in 2019, the Kentucky Voluntary Travel ID driver's license will cost \$48 and be valid for 8 years. The standard Kentucky driver's license will cost \$43 and be valid for 8 years. The Kentucky Voluntary Travel ID Personal ID Card will cost \$28 and be valid for 8 years. The Kentucky Standard Personal ID Card will cost \$23 and be valid for 8 years.