

How Do I Get a Non-Driver ID Card?

IF I DON'T DRIVE A CAR, CAN I GET AN OFFICIAL NEW YORK STATE ID CARD?

Yes. Many New York residents rely on a type of ID card known as a Non-Driver Photo Identification Card as a way of presenting official proof of identification.

WHY WOULD I WANT A NON-DRIVER PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARD?

The Non-Driver Photo Identification Card can act as secure identification for cashing checks, identifying yourself to law enforcement or for purchasing products that require a minimum age.

HOW DO I GET A NON-DRIVER PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARD?

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) can provide you with an ID card. You will need to fill out an "Application for Driver License or ID Card" at the DMV. Be sure you bring the following items with you to the DMV when you go to apply for your ID card:

- Proof of Name and Identity: The DMV requires you to present them with sufficient documentation that proves that you are who you claim to be. The DMV assigns a certain number of points to each document and requires that you provide at least 6 points when you apply for your ID card. Examples of documents you can use and how many points they provide is below:
 - Current US Passport (4 points)
 - Foreign Passport (3 points)
 - Permanent Resident Card (3 points)
 - Welfare, Medicaid or Food Stamps card with a photo (3 points)
 - US Social Security Card (2 points)
 - Welfare, Medicaid or Food Stamps card without a photo (2 points)Other means of proof of name are available. Please see the full list at <http://www.nydmv.state.ny.us/idlicense.htm#idpoints> or call the DMV at (212) 645-5550
- Proof of Date of Birth: The DMV requires you to prove your date of birth. The best way to do this is by bringing an **original or certified photocopy** of your birth certificate. You may also bring your passport or immigration documents.
- Social Security Card: The DMV requires you to bring your US Social Security Card when you apply for your ID card.

FOR HOW LONG IS A NON-DRIVER ID CARD VALID AND HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

You have two choices when you apply for a non-driver ID card. You may choose a short-term card which is valid for 4-5 years or a long-term card that is valid for 8-9 years. The short-term card costs about \$10 and the long-term card costs about \$14.

DO I QUALIFY FOR A DISCOUNTED NON-DRIVER ID CARD?

If you are at least 62 years old or receive Social Security Income (SSI) you will qualify for a 10-year card with a discounted fee of \$6.50. If you wish to apply for a discounted card and you receive SSI, please bring an SSI benefits document with you to prove to the DMV that you receive SSI benefits.

WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY CARD?

After you apply for your card, you will receive a temporary non-photo ID from the DMV. They will then mail you your permanent photo card. It generally takes about 5 weeks to arrive.