

Driver Licenses to Identify Sex Offenders

Department of Public Safety officials announce that, effective November 1, a new state law requires that state residents who are listed on the Department of Corrections Sex Offenders Registry as aggravated or habitual sex offenders be identified when they apply for either an original or renewal license, or a state identification card.

The driver license or ID card of these offenders will be clearly labeled with the words "sex offender" in the color red, in three distinct places. Offenders will be required to renew the license or ID card annually.



Regular Driver License



Commercial Driver License



Identification Card

Driver License Requirements Tighten to Ensure Identities, Legal Presence

Department of Public Safety officials announce that, effective November 1, a new state law tightens requirements for persons applying for a driver license or identification card. Pursuant to HB 1804, all applicants must present specific documented proof of legal presence in the United States.

Acceptable documents for US citizens applying for an original driver license or identification card are limited to:

- A certified birth certificate:
 - Issued by an appropriate state agency (hospital birth certificates, birth registrations, and abstracts of birth will not be accepted), or
 - Certification issued by the United States Department of State, or
 - A state birth certificate issued for a birth outside of that state
- A United States passport
- A Certificate of Naturalization issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration

Service.

This new procedure for US citizens will affect first-time applicants, new residents, and anyone currently holding an Oklahoma driver license who is applying for an upgrade of license class, such as upgrading to a commercial driver license. This will not affect Oklahoma residents who are renewing, unless they allow their license to expire. If the license is expired, the applicant must appear before a Driver Examiner to establish proof of legal presence in the United States.

Acceptable documents for noncitizen applicants for either an original, renewal or replacement driver license or state identification card are limited to:

- A valid passport combined with a valid visa authorizing entry into the United States, or
- A pending or approved application for asylum in the United States, or
- An admission into the United States with refugee status, or
- Either an approved deferred-action status, or a pending application of adjustment of status, to legal permanent resident or conditional resident

The license or ID card of a noncitizen will be clearly labeled with the word "Temporary" and will be issued for the period of time of the person is authorized to be in the United States or for four years, whichever is shorter. If a noncitizen applicant does not provide one of the documents required, a license or an ID card will not be issued, renewed, or replaced.

For both citizens and noncitizens, the name on the driver license or identification card must be same as the name on the document presented, unless the applicant also presents a court order of name change.



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