



Driver and Vehicle Services Just the Facts

ENHANCED DRIVER'S LICENSE & ID CARD (EDL/EID)

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As of February 3, 2014, the State of Minnesota offers Enhanced Driver's License (EDL) and Enhanced Identification Cards (EID). They are dual-purpose card(s) designed for the user's convenience. In addition to serving as a typical driver's license, the card allows a Minnesota resident to re-enter the U.S. at its land or seaports when returning from Canada, Mexico, Bermuda or the Caribbean. An EDL is also available to a driver who qualifies for a commercial driver license (CDL).



This flexibility speeds your passage back across the border. They verify your identity and citizenship—no other proof is required. EDL and EID cards are among the federally-approved border-crossing documents required under the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI). *Reference: Minnesota Statutes, 171.01; 171.04; 171.06; 171.07; and 171.12*

What is an EDL/EID

- An EDL/EID can be used as a cross-border travel document (in lieu of a passport) to re-enter the U.S. by land and sea, from Canada, Mexico, and some countries in the Caribbean.
- An EDL/EID denotes both identity and citizenship, in accordance with the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI).
- These can be used for domestic air travel and to access federal facilities.
- An EDL/EID is **not** valid for international **air** travel.
- An EDL/EID has a radio frequency identification (RFID) chip embedded in the card.
- The RFID chip contains a unique number assigned to each EDL/EID card. It **does not** include any biometric data (e.g. fingerprints, facial recognition, etc.)
- Minnesotans may opt for, but are not required, to obtain an EDL/EID.
- An EDL/EID must be mailed to the Minnesota residential address that appears on the EDL/EID card.

How to Apply for an EDL or EID

EDL/EID cards are an optional customer convenience.

- **You can apply for an EDL or EID at any time:**
 - ✓ At the time your current driver license or ID is due for renewal
 - ✓ First time application for your driver's license (and learner's permit) or non-driver photo ID card
 - ✓ Replace your current driver's license prior to the date you are due for renewal, with no change in the expiration date of your license
 - ✓ Can be applied for at any exam station, along with driver's license agent offices that have hours posted for EDL/EID application acceptance.

- **Age:** Applicants must be 16 years of age or older
- **Fee:** \$15 in addition to the fee required for your driver's license or non-driver photo ID card transaction
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- **Identification:** Only an applicant who can provide proof of identity, full legal name, social security number, photographic identity, Minnesota residency and U.S. citizenship is eligible for a Minnesota EDL or EID
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- **Proof of Minnesota Residency:** Two **different** types of documents must be submitted. Only **one** of a document type (List F) will be accepted. For example, an electric bill and phone bill are not acceptable because they are both utility bills.
- **At time of application:** Complete an Interview Questionnaire (*please allow extra time when applying*)
An application takes between 3-4 weeks to process
- **Residence Address:** An EDL/EID must list the Minnesota residence address.

Office Location Information

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