Same-Day Issue
Standard Driver’s Licenses/IDs
October 2022

Same-Day Issued Cards

Starting Oct. 3, 2022, you can get a standard class D Minnesota driver’s license, permit or standard ID card issued on the day you apply at the Lakeville or Moorhead driver’s license offices.

Where: Same-day cards are offered at:
- Lakeville License Center, 20085 Heritage Dr., Lakeville. Visit co.dakota.mn.us for office information.

Same-day cards are not available at other offices or exam stations.

What You Need to Know

- Only a standard class D driver’s license, permit or standard ID card is available for same-day issue.
  - A standard card is accepted at most places as proof of name and date of birth.
  - A class D driver’s license or permit allows you to operate a regular passenger vehicle or a light truck.
- Same-day cards are not available for commercial driver’s licenses or permits, REAL ID or enhanced driver’s licenses, permits or ID cards.
- You will need to downgrade to a standard card if you have a REAL ID or enhanced driver’s license or ID and want a new card the same day.
- If you are about to turn 21, you can only apply for a same-day issued card on or after the day you turn 21.
- A same-day issued card and a traditionally issued card require first-time applicants to provide one primary and one secondary proof of identification document. Visit drive.mn.gov and select Driver’s License and Options from the DVS Information panel for a list of acceptable documents.
- There is no additional fee for same-day issued cards. Visit drive.mn.gov for fees.


Starting May 3, 2023, Minnesotans will need one of the following to board a domestic flight or enter certain federal facilities:
- A REAL ID driver’s license or identification (ID) card.
- An enhanced driver’s license or ID card.
- A REAL ID-compliant document like a valid U.S. passport, valid foreign government issued passport, unexpired permanent resident card, or unexpired employment authorization document. Visit tsa.gov/real-id for complete list.

For more information, visit REALID.DPS.MN.gov

The Transportation Security Administration will not accept standard driver’s licenses or ID cards starting May 3, 2023.
SAME-DAY DRIVER’S LICENSE OR ID CARD

Same-day issued cards have a slightly different look and feel than traditionally issued cards due to the card stock and laminate used in the printing process. The same-day issued cards are less flexible.

The back of the cards will appear the same.

- The barcode at the top of same-day cards is shorter than on the traditional card and does not include the cardholder’s driver’s license number.
- The information contained in the magnetic stripe and the barcode at the bottom of the card is identical for same-day and traditional cards.
- Endorsements and restrictions are the same on both cards.

Same-Day Card

1. Ghost image of photo is in color.
2. There is no image of a person in a canoe.
3. Date of birth appears on the card only once.
4. Does not include the laser-perforated walleye.

Traditional Card

- Ghost image of photo is black and white.
- There is an image of a person in a canoe.
- The shoreline always appears at the bottom of the card.
- Date of birth appears on the card twice.
- Includes laser-perforated walleye image.

Contact us by email at dvs.driverslicense@state.mn.us or call 651-297-3298 if you have any questions. Visit drive.mn.us for more information.