The optional REAL ID-compliant cards are available.

If a Minnesotan renews their license between now and May 3, 2023:

- The renewed license will be valid for four years, barring a suspension or revocation.
- They will be able to apply for a REAL ID.
- If they choose to apply for a REAL ID before their standard license expires, an early renewal fee would be charged and an additional four years would be added to the expiration date.

The cost for a REAL ID is the same as a standard driver’s license or ID card.

The early renewal fee, set in Minnesota law, is based on how many months the REAL ID is obtained before a person’s driver’s license or ID card expires.

- $2 for a renewal up to 17 months before expiration.
- $4 for a renewal 18-29 months before expiration.
- $6 for a renewal more than 29 months before expiration.

**EARLY RENEWAL EXAMPLES**

If someone with a February 2019 expiration on their driver’s license renewed at that time and decides to obtain a REAL ID driver’s license before their new card expires in 2023:

- They will pay the standard fee plus a $6 early renewal fee to renew in December 2018. Their new REAL ID would expire in February 2026.
- They will pay the standard fee plus a $4 early renewal fee to renew in June 2020. Their new REAL ID would expire in February 2026.
- They will pay the standard fee plus a $2 early renewal fee to renew in January 2021. Their new REAL ID would expire in February 2026.