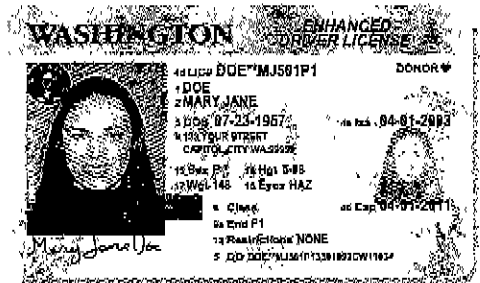


## Enhanced Driver License and Identification Card

Recent federal legislation requires people traveling into the U.S., by air, to present a valid passport. For land and sea border crossing, the passport requirement will start in early 2008. To preserve travel, trade and cultural ties with British Columbia and increase security at the border, the Washington State Department of Licensing (DOL) will offer an Enhanced Driver License and Identification card (EDL/ID). The EDL/ID meets federal requirements, and best practices for border crossing documents and is an approved alternative document, to a U.S. passport, for re-entry into the U.S. at land and sea borders between the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and the Caribbean.

### Quick Facts:

- The EDL/ID will be available in January 2008.
- Participation is **VOLUNTARY**.
- The cost is \$15 more than a driver license or ID card.
- You must apply in-person for the EDL/ID, have your photo taken, be interviewed by DOL staff, and provide documentation to prove your U.S. citizenship, identity, and Washington State residency. Go online to [www.dol.wa.gov](http://www.dol.wa.gov) for a list of accepted documents.
- You can apply for the EDL/ID at 11 of DOL's Licensing Service Office locations across the state. Go to [www.dol.wa.gov](http://www.dol.wa.gov) for a list of participating offices.
- The following security enhancements included in the EDL/ID design are industry best practices:
  - An icon on the front of the card to indicate that it is an EDL/ID.
  - The back of the card will have a Machine Readable Zone, just like a passport, that can be scanned at the border.
  - Passive vicinity radio frequency identification (RFID) will be embedded in the card. This RFID is required by the federal government to facilitate rapid identification checks at the border.
  - The RFID tag embedded in the EDL/ID will have a unique reference number and will not contain personal or biographic information.
  - Data encryption, secure networks, and firewalls will protect the transmission of the EDL/ID information.

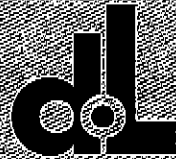


### Minors

Pending publication of the final rules for the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) land and sea border crossing requirements, minors under age 16 are expected to be exempt from WHTI and will only be required to present a certified birth certificate for re-entry into the U.S.

If you are under 18 years old and your parent or guardian provides proof of your identity, you may use your parent or guardian's address to prove you are a Washington State resident. Your parent or guardian must live in Washington State and have a Washington State driver license or ID card, or present acceptable documents to prove residence.

Go to [www.dol.wa.gov](http://www.dol.wa.gov) for a complete list of accepted documents.



## Proof of citizenship, identity, and residency

The Enhanced Driver License and Identification card (EDL/ID) is VOLUNTARY. To get your EDL/ID, you must apply in-person at a participating Licensing Service Office. You will need to have your photo taken, provide your social security number, be interviewed, and provide documentation to prove your U.S. citizenship, identity and residency in the state of Washington. Your documents must be ORIGINAL or CERTIFIED copies. Temporary or altered documents are NOT acceptable.

### Proof of U.S. citizenship

U.S. citizenship may be established by providing at least one of the following documents:

- A United States passport that is valid or has been expired for no more than five years
- Certified state birth certificate
- Certificate of naturalization
- Certificate of citizenship
- Department of state consular report of birth abroad

### Proof of residency

Proof of Washington State residency may be established by providing documents with your current street address. Some **typical examples** of accepted documents are:

- Homeowner's insurance policy or invoice showing the address of insured property or residence
- Home utility bill (gas, electricity, water, garbage, or telephone), or hook-up work order dated within 60 days of the time you apply for the EDL/ID card
- Mortgage documents (finalized)
- Property tax bill or statement dated within the past 12 months
- Your name and address in a current phone book issued by a company that publishes telephone books
- Moorage bill or contract

### Proof of identity

Proof of identity may be established by providing a valid U.S. passport. If you do not have a U.S. passport, you will need to provide one of the accepted documents for proof of citizenship, plus one document with a photo, such as:

- Military ID
- Valid driver license or ID
- Government employee ID card (state, federal, or municipal)
- Tribal identification card

### Minors

Pending publication of the final rules for the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHITI) land and sea border crossing requirements, minors under age 16 are expected to be exempt from WHITI and will only be required to present a certified birth certificate for re-entry into the U.S.

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# Security and Privacy Protection

## Enhanced Driver License and Identification Card (EDL/ID) Facts:

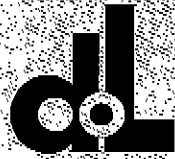
- The EDL/ID is **VOLUNTARY**.
- The EDL/ID will be available in January 2008.
- You can apply for your EDL/ID at 11 of our Licensing Service Office locations throughout the state. For a list of participating offices, go to [www.dol.wa.gov](http://www.dol.wa.gov).
- The cost is \$15 more than a driver license or ID.
- You must apply in-person for the EDL/ID, have your photo taken, be interviewed, and provide documentation to prove your U.S. citizenship, identity, and Washington State residency.
- The EDL/ID card will include a passive vicinity radio frequency identification tag (RFID) and a Machine Readable Zone, just like a passport, that can be scanned at the border. This RFID is required by the federal government to facilitate rapid identification checks at the border.
- The RFID tag does not contain any personal identifying information, just a unique reference number.
- The unique reference number will be matched to Department of Licensing (DOL) records to verify the information contained on the front of the EDL/ID card.
- The network address of the query will be recognized as a legitimate requestor and the Washington State Department of Information Services (DIS) will reject all other requests.
- EDL/ID applicants will be informed of the RFID, its purpose, content, and security.



## Security Facts:

- The EDL/ID's RFID number is transmitted to the Customs and Border Protection network across a dedicated and secure circuit.
- DOL will provide a security sleeve to protect the RFID tag from being activated when you are not at a border crossing station.
- Enhancements included in the EDL/ID design are industry best practices for security:
  - Secure and isolated-dedicated (optic fiber) network connectivity.
  - Encryption of personal identifying information between Washington State and the Border Agent during transmission.
  - Closed and secure network design, including firewalls.
  - Limited and controlled access to the network, network equipment, and data centers.
  - Tampering with, or deactivating the RFID tag will invalidate the EDL/ID for purposes of border crossing.

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## What is Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)?

RFID is a wireless technology that stores and retrieves data remotely on devices. Technology components of an RFID system consist of an RFID tag, made up of a microchip with an antenna, a reader with an antenna, and a database. For added security and border crossing convenience, an RFID tag will be embedded in the new Enhanced Driver License and Identification card (EDL/ID).

✓ **The EDL/ID is voluntary**

✓ **It's available in January 2008**

✓ **It costs \$15 more than a driver license or ID card**

### How does RFID work in Washington State's EDL/ID card?

- The EDL/ID card will include an Ultra High Frequency Passive Vicinity RFID tag.
  - **Ultra High Frequencies** typically offer better range and can transfer data faster than low, and high frequencies.
  - **Passive** RFID tags do not have a power source. They draw power from the RFID reader to energize the microchip's circuits. The antenna enables the tag to transmit the information on the chip to a reader. The reader converts the radio waves reflected back from the RFID tag into digital information that can then be passed on to computers that can make use of it.
  - **Vicinity** RFID tags can be read from several feet away from the reader.
- The EDL/ID RFID tag does not contain any personal identifying information, just a unique reference number.
- The RFID uses the low-end of the electromagnetic spectrum. The waves coming from the reader are similar to the waves coming to your car radio.
- At the border, the RFID reader will energize the RFID tag and transmit the EDL/ID's unique reference number back to the border agent.
- The unique reference number will then be matched to Department of Licensing (DOL) records to verify the information contained on the front of the EDL/ID card.
- Data encryption, secure networks, and firewalls will protect the transmission of the EDL/ID information.
- For added security, DOL will provide a security sleeve to protect the RFID tag from being read when the cardholder is not at a border crossing station.
- This RFID technology is required by the federal government to facilitate rapid identification checks at the border and complies with minimum requirements and best practices for card security.
- DOL will fully disclose the nature of the RFID, its purpose, content, and security to all EDL/ID applicants and interested parties.