

GETTING A HAWAII STATE ID: A How-To For Individuals Experiencing Homelessness

The lack of a valid government ID can be a barrier to housing and employment for many people experiencing homelessness. Read below for information on obtaining a state ID and other required documents.



OPTION 1: REAL ID

A REAL ID-compliant card is an accepted form of ID for domestic air travel and accessing federal facilities. Federal and state law allows you to have only one REAL ID-compliant card.

Applicants must present original documents showing proof of legal presence and Hawaii residency, and provide a valid social security number on their application form.



OPTION 2: LIMITED PURPOSE STATE ID

A limited purpose state ID card is available for anyone who is unable or unwilling to provide satisfactory proof of authorized presence in the United States under federal law. Applicants must present supporting documentation establishing their identity and Hawaii residency.

A limited purpose state ID is issued only for state identification purposes and is NOT acceptable for official federal purposes. It does not establish eligibility for employment, voter registration or public benefits.

For additional information and required documents, visit honolulu.gov/csd



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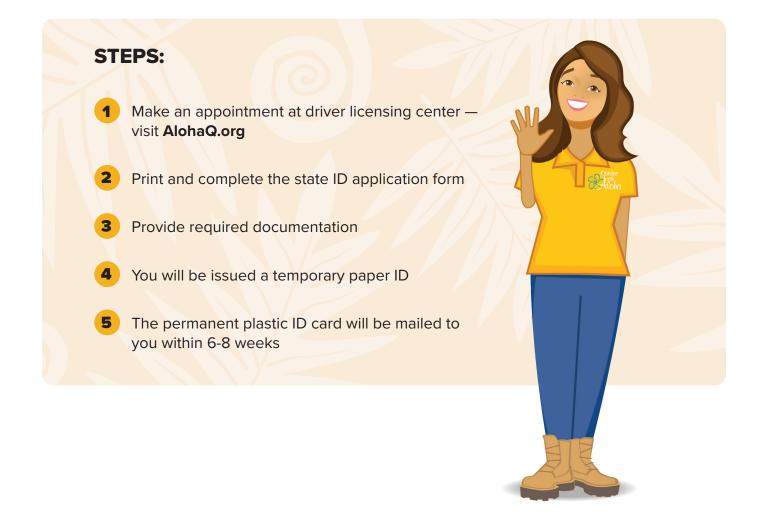
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SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS

State rules allow for the waiver of all fees related to the issuance of an original or renewal ID card for any individual who is homeless, provided that the individual's homeless status is verified via letter issued by an authorized homeless service provider.

This letter may also be used as the person's address verification. While two documents are normally required to show proof of Hawaii principal residence, the State of Hawaii requires just one document for homeless individuals. Other acceptable documents for Hawaii principal residence address include:

- Address affidavit submitted by the applicant's spouse, parent, guardian, etc., with supporting proof of residence documentation. The address affidavit must be signed and witnessed by staff at the time of application.
- A signed sworn statement from a victim service organization, attorney, member of the clergy, correctional institutional staff, medical or other health professional from whom the person has sought services.



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