Know Before You Go
What's the Real Difference Between “REAL ID” and “Non-Compliant”?

“REAL ID” Driver License/ ID Card

• You must go to a DMV office and bring proof of:
  1. Identity
  2. Social Security number
  3. California address
• Use it to board a plane.
• Use it to enter a secure federal facility (such as a military base).

Federal Non-Compliant Driver License / ID

• May be able to renew online without going to a DMV office.*
• NOT allowed for boarding a plane starting October 1, 2020.
• NOT allowed to enter a secure federal facility starting October 1, 2020.
• May require showing further evidence of legal presence to purchase a firearm.
• Has text on the front that says “FEDERAL LIMITS APPLY”

If you do not choose a REAL ID, you will be issued the Federal Non-Compliant license or ID card.

For more information visit REALID.dmv.ca.gov

*Certain customers may be required to renew in person, check your renewal paperwork to see if this applies.