

Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command

Customer and Carrier Advisory

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Subject: REAL ID Full Enforcement Deadline May 8, 2025

Purpose: To notify stakeholders of the May 8, 2025 implementation date for the REAL ID Enforcement.

Be Advised: On April 27, 2021, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced it was extending the REAL ID full enforcement date by 19 months, from October 1, 2021, to May 3, 2023, and then again to May 7, 2025, due to circumstances resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Now that the deadline is approaching, DHS will not be extending the date. **As a result, (card-based) enforcement of REAL ID for DoD base access will be in effect beginning May 8, 2025.**

Until May 7, 2025, DoD installations may continue to accept State (including DC and the territories) issued driver's licenses or non-driver's license ID cards from REAL ID-compliant States and territories for installation access purposes regardless of the presence of the "REAL ID star" on the card. The prohibition on accepting driver's licenses and non-driver's ID cards that bear markings along the lines of "Not Valid for Federal Purposes", "Federal Limits Apply", and/or "Not for Official Use", or other similar markings (known as "marked cards") is already in effect and will remain so.

After May 7, 2025 Real ID cards must be presented for DOD base access. Use of REAL ID for DOD base access is to be enforced. If personnel do not have a REAL ID, then they will have to provide supplemental identification documents for base access. Supplemental identification documents are identified in DoDM 5200.08 Volume 3 (Physical Security Program: Access to DoD Installations): U.S. passport or passport card, Transportation Worker Identification Card (TWIC), Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC), birth certificate, and social security card. These documents must supplement the non-REAL ID-compliant driver's license for access.

Transportation Service Providers (TSPs) should continue to check the Transportation Facilities Guide (TFG) for installation access information. Transportation personnel should ensure their TFG pages are updated with the most current access requirements, to include information on REAL ID requirements. Specific access-related questions should be directed to the points of contact listed in the TFG.

Additional information on REAL ID can be found at <https://www.dhs.gov/real-id/real-id-faqs>.

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