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1. What are Colorado's Identification Requirements ?

COLORADO IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

42-2-107 and 42-2-302 CRS requires applicants for a Colorado driver license or identification card to submit proof of age, name and lawful presence, as the department may require. Applicants must present two different documents. One document must be from the proof of age/lawful presence list. The second document may be from either the proof of age/lawful presence or proof of name list. The proof must be the original document, an amended original document or a true copy certified by the issuing agency. Notary seals, notary stamps, photocopies, miniatures or "wallet size" copies are NOT acceptable.

Colorado renewal or duplicate applicants, with a photograph on file with the department, must present one document from either list.

Per 42-2-107(3)(a) CRS and 42-2-302(1)(a) CRS, if you have been issued a Social Security Number, you must provide your number to be processed for an identification card or for any non-commercial instruction permit or driver license. Proof of your Social Security Number is not required unless you are applying for a Commercial Driver License.

NOTE: The department may require additional documentation and/or further verification of documents presented, as it deems necessary, to establish a person's identity or age.

A. Proof of Age/Lawful Presence

1. Out of state issued photo driver license or photo identification card expired one year or less. (Out-of-state identification cards and licenses require additional documentation from List A for proof of lawful presence.)
2. Any Colorado driver license, Colorado 7-day Affidavit and Notice of Revocation or Affidavit and Notice of Suspension, or Colorado identification card that matches the photograph on file with the department. Documents expired over one year require additional identification. (Colorado identification cards issued between 060197- 070198 require additional documentation from List A for proof of lawful presence.)
3. Certified birth certificate (Federal, State, County, Dept. of Justice, Dept. of State and Bureau of Indian Affairs) Birth certificates issued by the hospital are NOT acceptable. City-issued birth certificates are accepted only from Connecticut, New York City's 5 boroughs and Washington DC.
4. US Passport expired less than 10 years
5. Valid foreign passport with I-94 or valid Processed For I551 stamp; NO B1, B2, WT, WB, CP or NC status. (H1, H2, J1, J2, F1, F2 etc. requires verification of Colorado employment or education.)
6. I94 with refugee/asylee status. *Must provide either an Employment Authorization Card or an original letter, on agency letterhead, from the legal agency providing assistance. Letter to be surrendered to Driver License.
7. Valid I551 Resident Alien/Permanent Resident card. NO border crosser or USA B1/B2

Visa/BCC cards.

8. Valid I688 (photo temporary resident card), I688B and I766 (photo employment authorization card)
9. Valid US military ID (active duty, dependent, retired, reserve and National Guard)
10. Tribal Identification Card
11. United States or United States Territory Certified court order of adoption, (must include date of birth)
12. Certificate of Naturalization with intact photo

B. Proof of Name:

If the name is different from the document presented for proof of age/lawful presence or the applicant is changing the name on an established record, any of the following documents are acceptable in addition to the document presented for proof of age/lawful presence. NO photocopies.

1. Certified marriage certificate, US, city, county, state or foreign issued (foreign language documents may require translation) NO church documents.
2. Certified divorce decree, US or foreign, with a case number and official signature (foreign language documents require translation)
3. Certified court order of name change, US or foreign, with case number and official signature (foreign language documents require translation)
4. Valid US Military ID (active duty, dependent, retired, reserve and National Guard)
5. Tribal Identification card
6. Out of state issued photo driver license or photo identification card expired one year or less.

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