

# URGENT! Federal laws will affect your commercial driver license!

## What you need to know

On September 1, 2015, Washington will comply with a Federal law that requires commercial drivers to prove they are a lawful permanent resident or U.S. citizen.

## Five things to remember

1. You are only required to present proof of lawful permanent residency or U.S. citizenship **at your next renewal or other transaction that requires a change to your record.** This includes name, address, and endorsement changes. The ability to renew and make changes to your personal driver license is not affected by these requirements.
2. You must provide one of six federally approved, government-issued documents. Obtaining duplicate documents can take several weeks. We advise you to begin the process immediately if you do not currently have at least one in your possession. **PHOTOCOPIES ARE NOT ACCEPTED.**
3. If you hold an enhanced personal driver license or enhanced commercial driver license issued in Washington before September 1, 2015, you are not required to again prove your permanent legal residency or U.S. citizenship. This type of license is identified by a red colored bar at the top of the card and the words "ENHANCED DRIVER LICENSE" or "ENHANCED COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE."
4. You must visit a designated driver license office to complete your transaction.
5. Proof of U.S. citizenship or lawful permanent residency is not required to replace a lost, damaged, or stolen card.\* Duplicate commercial learner permits and commercial driver licenses may be purchased at any driver license office.

\* Individuals from the Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, and the Marshall Islands may enter the U.S. at any time to work and stay indefinitely. Possession of a valid passport from this country will satisfy the requirement for proof of lawful permanent residency.

## Federal law information

Non-permanent residents may find more information about becoming a permanent legal resident or U.S. citizen through the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services. For information about this Federal law, go to [www.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov).

## GOVERNMENT ISSUED DOCUMENTS ONLY – PHOTOCOPIES NOT ACCEPTED

We urge you to begin the replacement process immediately if you do not currently have at least one of these documents in your possession.



**Valid U.S. Passport**  
 Issued by Department of State  
 1-877-487-2778  
[www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov)



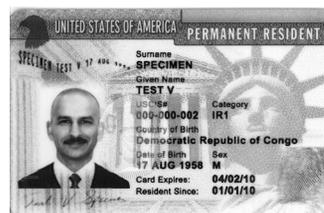
**Certificate of Naturalization**  
 Replacement: Contact U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services  
 1-800-375-5283  
[www.uscis.gov/n-565](http://www.uscis.gov/n-565)



**Government Issued Birth Certificate**  
 Replacement: Contact your state or county of birth. Hospital issued "Certificate of Live Birth" is not accepted. Puerto Rico birth certificates issued before July 1, 2010 are not accepted.



**Certificate of Citizenship**  
 Replacement: Contact U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services  
 1-800-375-5283  
[www.uscis.gov/n-565](http://www.uscis.gov/n-565)



**Permanent Resident Card "Green Card"**  
 Issued by U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services  
 1-800-375-5283  
[www.uscis.gov/greencard](http://www.uscis.gov/greencard)



**Consular Report of Birth Abroad**  
 Replacement: Department of State  
 202-485-8300  
[www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov)