

# How to Get a California State ID:

- Visit your local California DMV.
- Complete a Driver License or Identification Card Application (**Form DL 44**).
- Provide proofs of your ID, SSN, birth date, and residency.
- Pay the \$29 **identification card fee**.

For more details on how to get a California ID card, please see below.

## Apply for an ID Card in California

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You can apply for a California identification card at any age.

The California DMV issues the following identification cards:

- A regular ID card.
- A senior citizen ID card for residents over 62 years old.

To apply for an ID card you must visit a California Department of Motor Vehicles(DMV) [office in person](#) to:

- Complete a **Driver License or Identification Card Application** (Form DL 44). This form is not available online as it requires your original signature.
- Give your thumbprint.
- Have your picture taken.

If you wish to complete the application form before your visit to the CA DMV, you can call the DMV's automated telephone system at (800) 777-0133 to have the form mailed to you.

### You will also need:

- Your Social Security number. If you are ineligible for a SSN but are legally present in the U.S., you can still apply for a CA ID card.
- An original or certified copy of a document proving your date of birth or legal presence, such as your:
  - [CA driver's license](#).
  - [U.S. passport](#).
  - [Birth certificate](#).
- An original or certified copy of a document proving your name if you've had a name change, such as your:
  - [Marriage certificate](#).
  - Name change document showing both your original and new name.
  - Adoption papers.

- To provide **2 documents** proving your California residency, which could include:
  - Home utility bills.
  - Title or deed to your residence/property.
  - Pay stub from your employer.

For a complete list of acceptable documents, [visit the CA DMV website](#).

### **What if the survival of your loved one depended on an organ transplant?**

It's an uncomfortable thought, but as an organ donor, you could **save up to 8 lives** and touch hundreds more. Signing up is **simple** and **FREE**.

[CLICK HERE](#) and **become an organ donor today**.

## California ID Card Fees

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It will cost you \$29 for a:

- Original California ID.
- CA ID card renewal.
- Replacement CA ID card (for a lost or stolen card or a name change).

This ID Card valid for 6 years.

There is no cost:

- For a senior citizen card if you're 62 years old or older. This card is valid for 10 years.
- To change your address.
- To exchange your driver's license for a CA ID card if you're no longer able to drive due to a physical or mental condition. Contact your local CA DMV office for more information.

### **Reduced Fee CA ID Card**

If you meet income requirements from a government or public assistance program, you may be eligible to receive a CA ID for a reduced fee of \$8.

You will need to obtain a **Verification for Reduced Fee Identification Card** form (Form DL 937) from the government or from a non-profit agency giving you assistance, and bring the completed form with you to the CA DMV when you apply for your CA ID card.

## Renew Your California ID Card

Your California ID card is valid for:

- 6 years for a regular ID card.
- 10 years for a senior citizen ID card.

You can renew your CA identification card **online**, **by mail**, or **in person** at a CA DMV office.

### Renew in Online

To renew your CA ID card online, you must have:

- A Renewal By Mail Notice from the California DMV.
- A verified SSN on DMV record.
- A valid credit card or bank account for payment.
- The same address and name; you must not be changing any details on your CA ID card.

Visit the California DMV website to [renew you CA ID card online](#).

### Renew in Person

To renew your California ID card in person, you will need to [visit a CA DMV office](#) and:

- Complete a **Driver License or Identification Card Application** (Form DL 44).
- Give your thumb print.
- Have your picture taken.
- Pay the \$29 renewal fee, if you're under 62 years old.

You will receive your new CA identification card in the mail within 60 days. If your ID card hasn't arrived after 60 days, call the CA DMV at (800) 777-0133 to check the status of your application.

You will need to have your receipt number or old CA ID card.

## Replace Your CA ID Card

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If your CA ID card is lost or stolen, you can apply for a replacement at a California DMV office. You cannot order a replacement online, by mail or by phone.

You will need to:

- Complete a **Driver License or Identification Card Application** (Form DL 44).
- Give your thumbprint.
- Have your picture taken.
- Pay a \$29 replacement fee, if you're under 62 years old.

You will not need to bring in a birth date or legal presence document.

Click here for more details on [duplicate or replacement ID cards in California](#).

## Change Your Address

If you change your address, you must notify the CA DMV within 10 days of the change. You can change your address **online**, **by mail**, or **in person** at a CA DMV office.

### Online

To change the address on your CA identification card online, you must:

- Have a valid California ID card.
- Have a Social Security number.
- Not have an Army Post Office or Fleet Post Office address.
- Not have an address outside of the U.S.

Visit the CA Department of Motor Vehicles [website](#) to change your address online, and follow all listed instructions on the portal.

### By Mail

To change your address on your CA ID card by mail, download and complete the [Notice of Change of Address](#) (Form DMV 14), and send it to the address specified on the form. You can also have the form sent to you by calling the CA DMV at (800) 777-0133. The form will be mailed to you.

Once you've sent in your form, make sure you carry a small piece of paper showing your new address with your license at all times. Do not tape or staple the piece of paper to your driver's license.

### In Person

To change your address on your CA identification card in person, complete the [Notice of Change of Address](#) (Form DMV 14) and take it to a California DMV office. You will receive a **Change of Address Certificate card** (Form DL 43) to complete and carry with your license at all times.

## Forms for California ID Card

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- **Driver License or Identification Card Application** (Form DL 44). This form is not available online as it requires your original signature.
- **Verification for Reduced Fee Identification Card** form (Form DL 937) Available your local public assistance program agency or from a non-profit agency giving you assistance.
- [California Identification Card Renewal By Mail Eligibility Information](#) form (Form DL 410 FO)
- [Notice of Change of Address](#) (Form DMV 14)

- **Change of Address Certificate card** (Form DL 43) The DMV will give you this card once your change of address is complete. You must carry this form with your license at all times.