

REAL-ID Act Requirements for Visitors to DOE Headquarters
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In accordance with the REAL-ID Act, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), has set implementing standards. Among these is a prohibition on using non-REAL-ID Act compliant driver's licenses as proof of identity for access to restricted (i.e., non-public access) areas of Federal Facilities. DOE Headquarters facilities fall under these requirements.

For badged employees, visitors from other DOE sites, and visitors from other agencies who bring their badges, this will have no effect.

(Visitors with DOE-wide HSPD-12 badges can encode their badges in kiosks located in the visitors' check-in area of the lobby. Visitors with encoded badges can access the building through the turnstiles which is more convenient than accessing through the screening machines. Encoding in the kiosks is recommended and visitors must have their pin number to operate the kiosks. Visitors with these HSPD-12 badges can request encoding in the badging office if the kiosks do not work.)

Where it will have effect is on some visitors to DOE Headquarters who would previously have used their driver's licenses to prove their identity. While most states and territories have made acceptable progress towards meeting REAL-ID Act requirements, DHS has determined that the regular driver's licenses and ID cards from the following jurisdictions are not compliant:

Alaska
American Samoa
Arizona
Louisiana
Maine
Massachusetts
Minnesota
New York
Oklahoma
Washington

People from these jurisdictions will need to present an alternate Photo-ID to be granted admission to restricted access Federal facilities, including DOE Headquarters.

Acceptable alternate forms of Photo-ID include:

- U. S. Passport or Passport Card
- An Enhanced Driver's License or Enhanced ID-Card issued by the states of Minnesota, New York or Washington (Enhanced licenses issued by these states are clearly marked Enhanced or Enhanced Driver's License)
- A military ID or other government issued Photo-ID card

For additional information on the REAL ID act, please see the Department of Homeland Security websites at:

<http://www.dhs.gov/real-id-public-faqs> and
<http://www.dhs.gov/publication/real-id-enforcement-brief>