

# New York State's Enhanced Driver Licenses and Non-Driver IDs

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## EDL EZ-CHECKLIST

for New York State's Enhanced Driver Licenses (EDLs) or Non-Driver IDs  
Available for U.S. Citizens Who Are Residents of NYS

New York State's Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Enhanced Driver License (EDL) is your single, secure document for driving, identity and border crossings by land and sea from the U.S., into Canada, Mexico, and some countries in the Caribbean.\*

Note: An EDL cannot be used for international air travel between the U.S. and other countries. Like a regular driver license, an EDL can be used for domestic air travel under current federal rules.

### What to Know – Before You Apply for Your EDL

To obtain an EDL or an enhanced non-driver ID, you **must** apply in person at a DMV office. As part of the application process, you may be briefly interviewed by a DMV representative about your forms.

This EDL EZ-Checklist has been created to help prepare you for your DMV visit and your EDL or enhanced non-driver ID application.

If you are able to check every box throughout this form, you are eligible to apply for your EDL. Please bring only **original** documents or **government-certified** copies that you have selected from the checklist.

### EDL-EZ Checklist

- Proof of United States Citizenship**  
Please bring **ONE** of the following:

- Valid U.S. Passport
- Original or certified copy of U.S. Birth Certificate
- Certificate of Naturalization
- Certificate of Citizenship
- U.S. Department of State Consular Report of Birth Abroad

- Proof of Identity**  
Please bring **ONE** of the following:

- Driver license, learner permit, or a non-driver photo ID issued by New York State

- A combination of other documents equaling 6 points

For a complete list of acceptable documents and their point values, please see Form ID-44EDL at <http://nysdmv.com/forms.htm>.

- Social Security Card**

A first-time New York State applicant will be required to show his or her original Social Security Card. A current NYS license or NDID card holder who has a verified Social Security Number (SSN) on file will be permitted to show proof of his or her SSN with a Social Security Card or a W-2 form, Form 1099 (Income Tax Earning Statement) or a computer generated pay stub containing his or her full social security number.

- Proof of New York State Residence**  
Please bring **TWO** of the following:

Note: Documents must list **BOTH** your name and current residential address.

- Driver license, learner permit, or a non-driver photo ID issued by NYS (**each of these documents qualifies as only ONE proof**)
- Original credit card statement on letterhead issued within the last 120 days
- Bank statement issued within the last 120 days
- Utility bill with name and address issued within the last 120 days
- Proof of current mortgage
- Federal or NYS Income Tax W-2 (with SSN) issued within the last year
- Current proof of Homeowners/Renters insurance (policy, proof of claim)
- NYS Professional License
- Federal or NYS Income Tax or Earning Statement (1099, 1098)

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\* To verify the travel documents required, check with your local travel agent, cruise line or specific countries you plan to visit in the Caribbean.



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## Proof of NYS residence (continued)

- Unemployment Benefit Statement issued within the last year
- Retirement statement
- NYS Certificate of Title
- Property Deed
- Military orders that are still in effect
- Computer printed pay stub (with name and address) issued within the last 120 days
- Residential Lease issued within the last year
- Life insurance policy or current statement issued within the last 120 days
- Social Security statement for the current year
- Jury Duty notice issued within the last year

For a more complete list of documents which can be used as proof of NYS residence, see Form ID-44EDL.

## Fees

The fee for an EDL is \$30 **in addition** to the fees required for your driver license or non-driver photo ID transaction. In comparison, the cost of a U.S. passport is more than \$135.

You can apply for an EDL:

- at the time your driver license or ID is due for renewal, or
- to replace your current license prior to its expiration date, or
- as part of an early renewal option that extends the expiration date of your current license.

An EDL fee calculator is available at:  
[www.nysdmv.com/edl.htm](http://www.nysdmv.com/edl.htm)

Payment is due when you apply. Cash, check, money order or credit card will be accepted.

Note: There will be an additional \$30 fee every time you renew your EDL (normally every 8 years).

## MINORS

A child **under the age of 16** who is applying for an enhanced non-driver ID must have his/her parent or guardian present.

- If the child is between the ages of 16 and 18 **and has the necessary proofs of identity**, the parent or guardian does not need to be present as long as he/she has signed the back of the MV-44 form giving his/her consent to allow the minor to apply for a junior license or non-driver ID.
- If the child is between the ages of 16 and 18, **but does not have the necessary proofs of identity**, he/she must submit a MV-45 Statement of Identity and/or Residence by a Parent or Guardian, and his/her parent or guardian must be present to sign the form in the presence of a DMV representative.

*Remember, the more prepared you are for your visit to the DMV, the smoother the application process will be.*

*Once you have applied for your EDL, you should receive it in approximately 2 weeks.*

*For a complete list of DMV office locations, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), downloadable forms and more information on New York State's EDL program visit [www.nysdmv.com/edl.htm](http://www.nysdmv.com/edl.htm). You may also call the NYS DMV EDL Helpline to speak with a representative Monday through Friday, except state holidays, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at 1-518-474-9981.*



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