

Parent Resources

Obtaining a Missouri Identification Card

When your child reaches age 16 or older, you might consider getting him/her a state identification card (nondriver license) from the Department of Revenue. This can be obtained from any office that issues driver licenses.

The state ID card displays the holder's photograph, name and address. It may be used in place of a driver license for individuals who need to cash checks. Also, if your child is nonverbal or cannot easily be understood, the card would be beneficial if your child became separated from you or family members when out in the community.

To obtain an ID card, you need to take your child to an issuing office to be photographed and to provide a signature for the card. There are three primary requirements for the "Show-Me Proof" identification law: proof of lawful presence, proof of identity and proof of residency.

Proof of Lawful Presence

To show proof of lawful presence, a U.S. citizen may show a birth certificate issued by state or local government (with an embossed or raised seal), a valid or expired U.S. passport, a certificate of citizenship, a certificate of naturalization or a certificate of birth abroad. Proof of lawful presence is a requirement for each renewal.

Proof of Identity

To show proof of identity, a Social Security card or Medicare card with your child's current name may be presented. After showing proof of identity, your child will only need to present it on future renewals if his/her name changes. (If the name on the Social Security card or Medicare card does not match your child's current name, additional documents must be presented to supply proof of the name change. Such documentation could include certified adoption papers, an amended birth certificate, a certified court order or a U.S. passport.)

Proof of Residency

To show proof of residency, you have a variety of options to prove your child's current address. If your child is under the age of 21 and cannot provide proof of residency, a parent or legal guardian may provide such a document on his/her behalf. Examples include a recent utility bill (telephone, electric, gas, water, sewer or cable), a property-tax receipt, your most recent bank statement, a voter ID card, or any official letter issued within the last 30 days by another state or local government agency on its letterhead. Proof of residency is a requirement for each renewal.

The card will expire on your child's date of birth in the sixth year after issuance; it can be renewed every six years.

For more information, please visit:

<http://dor.mo.gov/mvdl/drivers/license.htm>



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