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# your driver's license is still valid for domestic air travel, at least for now

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As the Department of Homeland Security continues to phase in the requirements of the REAL ID Act, some domestic airline travelers may be prohibited from using their state-issued driver's license or ID card in order to board their flight.

After January 22, 2018, state-issued driver's licenses and IDs may be used for domestic airline travel only if they were issued by a state which is in compliance with the REAL ID Act or has been granted an extension by the Secretary of Homeland Security. Currently, all 50 US states, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the US Virgin Islands are either in compliance with the REAL ID Act or have been granted an extension by the Secretary of Homeland Security. The only US nationals impacted by the January 22, 2018 date are individuals who possess driver's licenses or IDs issued by American Samoa or the Northern Mariana Islands.

Residents of California and New York may continue to use their driver's license or ID to board domestic flights as these states were granted an extension by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

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