




Minnesota Driver's License Categories

Non-REAL ID Compliant/Standard Driver's License	Date First Available	Current Noncitizen Eligibility	Noncitizen Eligibility under HF 4/ SF 27	Uses
 <p>A sample of a standard Minnesota driver's license. It includes a photo of a man, the name 'Avery Joseph Sample', address '456 Bloomington Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55417-1234', DL# 'A123-456-789-123', DOB '08/15/1957', ISS '08/15/2018', EXP '08/15/2022', CLASS 'D', and RESTR 'NONE'. Physical attributes listed are SEX 'M', HGT '5-10"', WGT '150 lb', and EYES 'BLU'. The license number is 'DD 12345678901234' and the expiration date is '08/15/57'.</p>	1933	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US citizens Noncitizens who can produce documents showing certain types of lawful status and residence in Minnesota as described in Minnesota law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Minnesotans regardless of citizenship status so long as they pass the written and road tests, obtain insurance, prove Minnesota residence, and pay the fee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Driving Identification Air travel and entry to federal buildings until May 7, 2025
 <p>A sample of a REAL ID compliant Minnesota driver's license. It includes a photo of a man, the name 'Avery Joseph Sample', address '456 Bloomington Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55417-1234', DL# 'A123-456-789-123', DOB '08/15/1957', ISS '08/15/2018', EXP '08/15/2022', CLASS 'D', and RESTR 'NONE'. Physical attributes listed are SEX 'M', HGT '5-10"', WGT '150 lb', and EYES 'BLU'. The license number is 'DD 12345678901234' and the expiration date is '08/15/57'. A gold star in the top right corner indicates REAL ID compliance.</p>	2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US citizens Lawful permanent residents ("Green card" holders) Asylees Refugees Certain temporary residents as defined under federal law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Driving Identification Air travel and entry to federal buildings
 <p>A sample of an enhanced Minnesota driver's license. It includes a photo of a man, the name 'Avery Joseph Sample', address '456 Bloomington Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55417-1234', DL# 'A123-456-789-123', DOB '08/15/1957', ISS '08/15/2018', EXP '08/15/2022', CLASS 'D', and RESTR 'NONE'. Physical attributes listed are SEX 'M', HGT '5-10"', WGT '150 lb', and EYES 'BLU'. The license number is 'DD 12345678901234' and the expiration date is '08/15/57'. A small American flag is visible in the bottom left corner.</p>	2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US Citizens only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Driving Identification Air travel and entry to federal buildings Certain border crossings

History of Driver's License Categories in Minnesota

One Driver's License until 2014



Three Driver's Licenses since 2014



1993-2003

- Minnesota only had a Standard Driver's License - what is now known as a "Non-REAL ID compliant driver's license"
- All Minnesotans could obtain a driver's license regardless of citizenship status

2003

- Governor unilaterally amends Department of Public Safety administrative rules to remove driver's licenses from tens of thousands of noncitizen Minnesotans

2014

- Minnesota creates a new Enhanced Driver's License that requires more documentation because it affords greater access than a Standard Driver's License to air travel, federal buildings, and border crossings.

2018

- Minnesota creates a new REAL ID Driver's License as required for federal law that requires more documentation than a Standard Driver's License but less than an Enhanced Driver's License because it too provides access to air travel and federal buildings.