



REAL ID and how it affects your access to PNNL

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Background

REAL ID is a coordinated effort by the states and the Federal Government (led by the Department of Homeland Security) to improve the reliability and accuracy of state-issued identification documents, which should inhibit terrorists' ability to evade detection by using fraudulent identification. REAL ID implements a 9/11 Commission recommendation urging the federal government to **“set standards for the issuance of sources of identification, such as driver's licenses.”** REAL ID applies to all Federal facilities including PNNL.

REAL ID is not a national ID card, states/territories will continue to issue their own driver's licenses and ID cards and there is no Federal database of driver information. REAL ID means that each state/territory has proven to the Department of Homeland Security that the state required a consistent standard of acceptable documents from each person to whom they issue a driver's license or ID card.

What this means to you as a U.S. Citizen

In order to receive your security badge on your first day at PNNL, you must present compliant identification. If your driver's license/state ID is not compliant (current list: <http://www.dhs.gov/real-id-enforcement-brief>), **you will not be given a security badge at PNNL, which means you cannot conduct your internship/appointment.**

Below are the types of ID that will allow you to receive your security badge:

- REAL-ID compliant driver's license (current list: <http://www.dhs.gov/real-id-enforcement-brief>)
- REAL-ID compliant state-issued ID card (current list: <http://www.dhs.gov/real-id-enforcement-brief>)
- Enhanced driver's license (Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Vermont, and Washington only; this is different than a regular driver's license)
- U.S. passport (book or card)
- U.S. Military or a U.S. Military dependent's ID card
- ID card issued by a U.S. government agency or entity, including Native American tribal ID and Transportation Worker ID Card (TWIC)
- HSPD-12 PIV card

IMPORTANT: The website listed above includes many states/territories with “extensions” giving them additional time to prove their driver's license/state ID are compliant, the extension deadlines vary and are not publicly available. It is possible for your state to be compliant on May 31, have its extension end June 1, and the state becomes non-compliant on June 2. **Consider bringing another form of compliant ID for badging at PNNL.**

What about foreign nationals?

Legal Permanent Residents (LPR) of the U.S. must provide their LPR or “green” card. Interns/Fellows who are not U.S. citizens or LPR's are instructed to provide their passport for badging. Passports and LPR cards are compliant IDs.