Applying for a Georgia ID Card

Any person that is old enough to sign their name, or make a mark indicating their legal signature can apply to the DDS for an identification card. You must provide acceptable proof of identification. You can apply for an identification card if your Georgia driver license is suspended or revoked. You do not have to surrender a Georgia identification card when you get a Georgia driver license or your Georgia driver license is reinstated.

A identification card contains the same personal information, photo, signature and special protection against alteration and fraud as a driver license. The cost of the Identification Card is $20.00 for 5 years or $35 for a card valid 10 years.

1. Applicant must furnish proof that he or she resides in Georgia and must provide a valid Georgia residence address. The following items are acceptable:
   - Utility bill with valid Georgia residence address;
   - Bank statement with valid Georgia residence address;
   - Rental contracts and/or receipts with valid Georgia residence address;
   - Employer verification;
   - Georgia license issued to parent, guardian, or spouse.

2. Applicant must surrender all previous driver’s licenses, identification cards, and instructional permits to the Examiner.
   - If applicant does not have in their possession, a license/ID card to surrender, must provide a certified copy of Motor Vehicle Report or status letter from previous state.

3. First time applicants for a Georgia license or permit or identification card must show some acceptable form of personal identification that includes full name, month, day and year of birth. After verification of full name and date of birth, documents will be returned immediately to the licensee. The following items are acceptable but must be Original or a Certified Copy:
   - Original birth certificate (State issued) State Vital Statistics (Hospital birth certificates are not acceptable).
   - Certified copy of birth certificate (Issued from Vital Statistics with affixed seal)
   - Certificate of birth registration
   - Certified copy of court records (adoption, name changes or sex changes.)
   - Certified naturalization records
   - Immigration I.D. card Immigration and Naturalization
   - Valid Passport

4. Anyone applying for a Georgia driver’s license or identification card must provide a social security number at the time of issuance. It is not necessary to have your original social security card. However, penalties will occur if an incorrect social security number is provided.

U.S. citizens must furnish proof of citizenship. Non-U.S. citizens must present proper INS documentation. Documents presented must be either in English or translated into English by a translator approved by the Department of Driver Services.

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