

*In Need of Secure, Trusted and Reliable Identification?*

# Get STARted

Effective October 1, 2020, every **air traveler** will need a **REAL ID compliant license/ID (STAR ID)** or another form of identification for domestic air travel.

(See TSA's website for a full list acceptable identification for domestic air travel at [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov))

STAR IDs are issued to qualified individuals **only** at **Alabama Law Enforcement Agency Driver License exam offices**. County operated license offices will continue to provide renewals/duplicates for license, ID cards and **STAR ID**.

Once the provision of the REAL ID Act (STAR ID) goes into effect, individuals who **do not** have an **unexpired** U.S. passport will need an Alabama STAR ID to board commercial aircraft for domestic flights or to enter certain regulated federal facilities.

## Why do I need an Alabama issued REAL ID (STAR ID)?

In response to acts of terrorism committed against the United States and in an effort to ensure the safety of citizens, Congress passed the REAL ID Act of 2005. This legislation modified U.S. federal law pertaining to security, authentication and issuance procedure standards for state driver license and identification cards.

In order to comply with the REAL ID Act, the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency developed the STAR ID program. STAR ID is a step beyond an ordinary Alabama driver license or non-driver identification card and it meets all the requirements of federal law.

Additional documentation will be required to verify identity, date of birth and authorized presence in the United States. For more information and a complete list of required documents, visit the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's website at [www.alea.gov](http://www.alea.gov) or call 877.567.1045.

