

## **ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION (PRIMARY AND SECONDARY)**

### **Non-U.S. Citizens**

#### Primary Documents Accepted for Identification

- A valid foreign passport with an acceptable visa or resident alien card.
- Social Security number verification \* or letter from Social Security stating non-eligibility.
- Document from the “secondary” list authorizing presence in the U.S. for more than 160 days.
- A confirmation of employment letter from your employer can be helpful when opening bank accounts, obtaining a Social Security Number.

#### Additional Secondary Documents for Non-U.S. Citizens

- Valid I-94 arrival/departure record issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.
- Employment authorization document with valid Social Security card.
- Valid visa (with supporting documents) authorizing presence in the United States for a period exceeding 160 days.
- Original I-797 (notice of action) issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, showing approval of change of status or extension of stay.
- Original I-797 (notice of action) issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, evidencing timely filing of an extension petition.
- International Driver’s License.

### **Star-ID**

Individuals (citizens and non-citizens) may apply for a STAR-ID from the Department of Motor Vehicles. The designation may be added to your Alabama driver’s license, or you may request a non-driver’s STAR-ID. This card is authorized for use as identification for official federal government purposes, such as boarding commercial aircraft and entering certain regulated federal facilities, or for other purposes as a driver’s license would be (for proof of age when purchasing alcohol, for instance).

Additional documents are necessary to obtain a STAR-ID. A list of documents can be found on our website by visiting the [Document List](#) page.

### **U.S. Citizens**

#### Primary Documents Accepted for Identification

- Certified U.S. birth certificate issued by an agency designated by state or federal authority.
- U.S. passport.
- Alabama identification card.
- Alabama driver license.
- Certificate of naturalization.
- Certificate of citizenship.
- U.S. certificate of birth abroad.
- Resident alien card.
- Valid foreign passport with valid U.S. immigration document.

#### Additional Secondary Documents U.S. Citizens

- U.S. state-issued driver license or non-driver ID card.
- Current international driver license/permit.
- Marriage license.
- U.S. armed forces driver license.
- U.S. military DD-214.
- Professional license issued by a state or federal agency.
- Selective Service card.
- Veterans Administration card.
- Current medical insurance identification card.
- U.S. military ID card.
- ID card issued by school with photo.
- School enrollment form (DL-1/93).
- Certified school record:
  - Certified letter from school;
  - GED certificate;
  - Certificate of graduation.
- W-2 tax form, along with copy of previous year's filed forms (tax return).
- Documents from court of record:
  - Divorce decree;
  - Adoption decree;
  - Name-change decree;
  - Bankruptcy decree.
- Probation or release documents issued by state or federal department of correction with photo ID card issued by the same authority, or felon ID card issued by the sheriff of the county of the applicant's release.