

Air Travel ID requirements to change with REAL ID Act

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) REAL ID Act could potentially impact Caltech travelers.

A requirement of DHS, the REAL ID Act of 2005 was introduced to set standards for state-issued driver's licenses and ID cards acceptable by federal agencies for official purposes, including boarding a commercial flight. Note: The REAL ID licensing requirement will apply to air travel as well as federal buildings; no statement has yet been made about requirements for train or cruise line travel.

Here are two important dates related to REAL ID:

—**Jan. 22, 2018:** Driver's licenses or state IDs issued by states that are NOT in compliance with the REAL ID Act and have not been granted an extension by DHS may not be used to fly within the U.S. **(California has been granted an extension until October 10, 2018.)**

—**Oct. 1, 2020:** No more extensions will be granted, and all states will be required to use REAL ID driver's license, U.S. passport, military ID, or an alternative approved ID.

California is developing a plan that will make REAL ID-compliant driver's licenses and ID cards available to California residents by January 22, 2018. This will allow time for customers who want a REAL ID product to get one before the final DHS effective date of Oct.1, 2020.

For more information please visit: <https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/realid>