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Real ID deadline extended again
77 percent of NM drivers already have a Real ID license

SANTA FE—The U.S. Department of Homeland Security on Monday announced it was again extending the deadline for full enforcement of the REAL ID Act until May 7, 2025.

Full enforcement – requiring a Real ID to board a commercial flight or enter certain federal facilities – had been expected to begin on May 3, 2023. Homeland Security officials notified driver licensing officials across the country on Monday of their intent to extend the deadline. The REAL ID Act was enacted in 2005 to improve security at federal facilities and in commercial aviation.

Currently, 77 percent of New Mexico credentials are Real ID compliant. New Mexico also offers a Standard License for New Mexicans who are unable to provide the necessary documentation for a Real ID license or who do not want or need one.

New Mexico drivers who want a Real ID license are encouraged to apply for one at their next renewal. Information about the documents needed for a Real ID license is available at mvdonline.com.

More information on other Real ID acceptable documents is available at tsa.gov.

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