



New Mexico Coalition to
End Homelessness

Important Information About Obtaining a New Mexico Alternative ID Card

NMCEH has learned that the Motor Vehicle Department (MVD) will no longer be issuing the Alternative ID as of October 17, 2016.

If you have any clients who need an Alternative ID, please help them apply for one immediately!

What is the Alternative ID?

MVD implemented the Alternative ID in 2007. The Alternative ID is easier to obtain, because MVD will accept more types of documents than it will for a driver's license (DL) or regular state identification (ID) card in order to establish identify and NM residency. Alternative ID cards could be used for almost everything a DL or regular ID could be used for, including obtaining a job, opening a bank account or applying for benefits. The Alternative ID has been an important resource for people trying to obtain safe, stable housing.

If someone currently has an Alternative ID, is it still valid?

Yes. If someone currently has an Alternative ID, that ID is still a valid credential up until the ID expires.

Why is MVD eliminating the Alternative ID?

The NM Legislature passed House Bill 99 during the 2016 legislative session to bring New Mexico into compliance with the federal REAL ID Act. (The REAL ID Act sets minimum standards that each state must meet when issuing DL or IDs.) Unfortunately, House Bill 99 does not specifically include the Alternative ID. As a result, MVD does not believe it can issue the Alternative ID after October 17th.

What type of IDs can people obtain under House Bill 99?

HB 99 basically creates four types of DL and IDs. There will be a DL and a state ID card that is compliant with the REAL ID Act, and a driver authorization card and state ID card that is not compliant with the REAL ID Act.

The only difference between obtaining the compliant and non-compliant versions is that a person does not have to prove they are in the U.S. legally to obtain a non-compliant driver authorization card or ID.

How can we ensure that people experiencing homelessness can still obtain an ID?

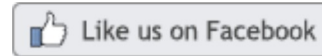
Under the proposed regulations, a non-compliant state ID card will probably be the easiest ID for someone to obtain, but the list of acceptable documents is still much more restricted than it is for the current Alternative ID.

MVD has published proposed regulations for obtaining a DL or state ID card as required under HB 99, and is accepting public comment on these proposed regulations. We encourage you to review the proposed regulations and submit public comment in writing or at the public hearing on October 18th

on what additional documents you think MVD should accept, particularly for a non-compliant state ID. Click [here](#) to view the proposed regulations and for details on how to submit comment.

NMCEH will be submitting comments. Please send us your ideas so we can include these in our comments. We will also share our comments via our list serve once they are ready.

NMCEH will also be looking into other strategies. Please look for more details soon.





Acceptable Documents - Alternative Identification Cards

Effective October 1, 2007 revised rule 18.19.5.12 NMAC provides that applicants who are unable to meet the requirements for a New Mexico identification card, driving permit, provisional driver's license, or driver's license, may apply for an MVD photo identification document card.

The new Alternative Identification Card does not necessarily meet federal identification requirements, and it is clearly identified as a restricted card that cannot be used for certain purposes. The identification document cannot be used to apply for a New Mexico identification card, driving permit, provisional driver's license or driver's license. An applicant for the Alternative Identification Card must provide two documentary proofs of identity and one documentary proof of residency.

Identity - 2 documents required	NM Residency - 1 document required
<p>Note: At least one of the identity documents must include the applicant's date of birth.</p>	<p>Note: Document may not be more than three months old.</p>
<p>Applicants must produce two forms of documentation with their name and either date of birth or social security number. Two documents with name and date of birth or two documents with name and social security number are acceptable. Any two of the following documents containing the name and date of birth or name and social security number are acceptable to prove identity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ a driver's license, identification card or learner's permit issued by a state or territory of the U.S. or by a jurisdiction of Canada, as long as it has a photograph and has not been expired more than one year; ▪ an original or certified copy of the birth certificate issued by a state or territory of the United States; ▪ an affidavit of Indian birth; ▪ a current, valid passport issued by the United States or by the country of citizenship; ▪ an I-94 form presented without a passport if it contains the applicant's photo; ▪ American Indian or Alaskan proof of Indian blood, certificate of degree of Indian blood, federal Indian census card or tribal membership card or physical address certification letter from the pueblo's governor's office or planning department; ▪ N550 United States certificate of naturalization; ▪ a certificate of citizenship (N560); ▪ a resident alien card (I-551, AR-3, AR3A, AR-103) that contains the applicant's photo; ▪ FS545 or FS1350 United States certificate of birth abroad; ▪ a military identification card that includes the applicant's photo; ▪ a United States Veterans Administration card that includes the applicant's photo, so long as it is accompanied by a United States Veterans Administration Medical Center identification card; ▪ a medical card that includes the applicant's photo; ▪ a military dependent identification card that includes the applicant's photo; ▪ a government-issued photo identification card; ▪ a Matricula Consular card issued after February 1, 2005, by the Mexican Consulate in Albuquerque or El Paso; ▪ a New Mexico Corrections Department photo identification card with name, date of birth and documentation that the card has not expired within the past year; ▪ an infant baptismal certificate; ▪ a Social Security card; ▪ a bank card, debit card, or credit card that contains the applicant's photo; ▪ a high school, GED, college, trade school, or university transcript, certificate, or diploma; ▪ an employee identification badge that contains the applicant's photo; ▪ a medical insurance card or documentation of medical insurance coverage or eligibility that contains an identification number; ▪ military discharge/separation papers (DD-214); ▪ a Selective Service card; ▪ proof of eligibility for and receipt of welfare benefits; ▪ medical records; ▪ documentation from a federal, state, or local correctional facility; or a Social Security Administration benefits award letter containing the Social Security number. 	<p>Applicants must provide one or more of the following documents, showing a New Mexico residential address for the applicant, as proof that the applicant lives in New Mexico:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ a real property rental agreement or purchase agreement; ▪ a utility bill, such as a gas, electric, waste, water, cable, satellite bill, or telephone bill but not a bill for a cell phone; ▪ an insurance bill or other document verifying current coverage, such as automobile, home or health; ▪ a federally regulated financial institution document, such as a bank statement, excluding checks; ▪ an employment pay stub with name and address; ▪ a local property tax statement with name and address; ▪ proof of a minor child enrolled in a New Mexico public, private, or tribal school; ▪ a current, valid motor vehicle registration; ▪ original documents from a New Mexico community organization attesting to the fact that the applicant is a New Mexico resident; ▪ original documents from a city, county, state, tribal, or federal government or social service organization attesting to the fact that the applicant is a New Mexico resident; ▪ a Matricula Consular card issued after February 1, 2005, by the Mexican Consulate in Albuquerque or El Paso; or ▪ documentation of eligibility and proof that the applicant is currently receiving services from a 501(c)(3) organization, as defined by the Internal Revenue Code.