



Relevant REAL ID Dates

April 5, 2017

Governor Henry McMaster signed House Bill 3358 telling the state to become compliant with the federal REAL ID Act of 2005.

April 6, 2017

The SCDMV submitted a request for an extension until October 10, 2017 to the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

October 10, 2017

Unless DHS grants South Carolina another extension or certifies the state as being fully compliant with the federal law, everyone will need a federally approved identification to enter secure federal buildings or military installations. South Carolina anticipates receiving additional extensions.

January 22, 2018

Unless DHS grants South Carolina another extension or certifies the state as being fully compliant with the federal law, everyone must have a federally approved identification to pass a TSA checkpoint at airports nationwide. South Carolina anticipates receiving additional extensions.

October 1, 2020

DHS will grant no more extensions past this date. Everyone must have a federally approved identification to pass a TSA checkpoint at airports nationwide and visit a secure federal facility or military installation.

Notes

Currently, federally approved identifications are a US Passport, US Passport Card, military ID, or other identifications approved by the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS). When available, a REAL ID-compliant South Carolina beginner's permit, driver's license, or identification card will be a federally approved identification.

The SCDMV is working towards full compliance.

A full certification packet will be submitted to DHS.

When SC is certified as fully compliant, the state will need no more extensions, and the October 1, 2020 date will be the only one to abide by. On and after October 1, 2020, you must have a REAL ID-compliant SC license or ID, or another federally approved identification, to pass a TSA checkpoint at airports nationwide and visit a secure federal facility or military installation.

DHS approves annual extensions every October. Right now, states that are not fully compliant do not have extensions past October 10, 2017. DHS is currently reviewing extension requests past this date. South Carolina anticipates receiving an extension past October 10, 2017, and every October, until achieving full compliance.

South Carolina expects to be certified as fully compliant long before October 1, 2020.