

WAC 308-104-040 Driver's licenses for identification and identification cards. As provided by RCW 46.20.035, no identification card shall be issued, nor shall any Washington state driver's license be issued, other than as provided in RCW 46.20.035(5), unless the applicant has satisfied the department regarding his or her identity.

(1)(a) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section, an applicant has not satisfied the identity requirements of RCW 46.20.035 unless he or she displays or provides the department with at least one of the following pieces of valid identifying documentation:

(i) A valid or recently expired driver's license or instruction permit that contains the signature, date of birth, and a photograph of the applicant;

(ii) A Washington state identification card or an identification card issued by another state that contains the signature and a photograph of the applicant;

(iii) An identification card issued by the United States, a state, or an agency of either the United States or a state, of a kind commonly used to identify the members or employees of the government agency, that contains the signature and a photograph of the applicant;

(iv) A military identification card that contains the signature and a photograph of the applicant;

(v) A United States passport that contains the signature and a photograph of the applicant;

(vi) An Immigration and Naturalization Service form that contains the signature and photograph of the applicant; or

(vii) If the applicant is a minor, an affidavit of the applicant's parent or guardian where the parent or guardian displays or provides at least one piece of identifying documentation as specified in this subsection along with additional documentation establishing the relationship between the parent or guardian and the applicant.

(b) In addition to the valid identifying documentation listed in subsection (1)(a), the department may request supplemental identifying documentation, or may undertake an investigation to verify the validity of any documentation presented, in order to ascertain identity.

(2) An applicant unable to present a piece of identifying documentation listed in RCW 46.20.035 (1) or (2) may request that other identifying documentation be considered by the department in order to ascertain identity, as provided by RCW 46.20.035(3). The department may waive the requirement for a piece of valid identifying documentation listed in RCW 46.20.035 (1) or (2) if the applicant presents sufficient valid supporting documents found by the department to clearly establish the identity of the applicant. For purposes of this subsection, the department has found the following pieces of documentation to be sufficient to clearly establish identity:

(a) A foreign country's passport, containing the signature and a photograph of the individual, that has with it a valid United States Immigration and Naturalization entry form (I-94);

(b) An enrollment card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe, containing the signature and a photograph of the individual, with one other supporting document;

(c) An identification card issued by the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs, containing the signature and a photograph of the individual, with one other supporting document;

(d) A written identification verification document completed by the Washington department of corrections; and

(e) A Washington city or county police employee identification card, containing the signature and a photograph of the individual, with one other supporting document;

(3) If an applicant is unable to satisfy the department regarding his or her identity under subsections (1) or (2) of this section, he or she may request that the department review other documentation in order to ascertain identity, as provided by RCW 46.20.035(3).

(a) If the licensing services representative assisting the applicant is unable to ascertain identity from the documents presented, the applicant shall be referred to an in-office document reviewer for further assistance. The in-office document reviewer will evaluate the applicant's documentation in order to determine whether identity can be clearly established.

(b) If the in-office document review cannot clearly establish an applicant's identity, and if requested by an applicant, a senior technician for the region in which the applicant is making application will evaluate the applicant's documentation in order to determine whether identity can be clearly established.

(c) If requested by the applicant, the senior technician shall refer the applicant to driver licensing headquarters staff for final determination whether identity can be clearly established.

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