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RE: New Idaho card design: Non-REAL ID compliant credentials and DUPLICATE indicator

New Card Design

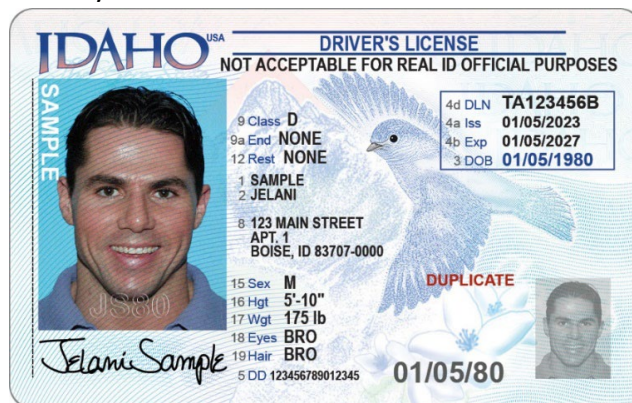
The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) began issuing new versions of driving and identification credentials beginning April 8th, 2023 (sample image below). The new version includes changes to the card graphics, materials, and security features with one of the most notable features being the thickness and flexibility of the card. ITD elected to use a material that matches the industry standard, which is both thinner and more durable.

Non-REAL ID (Star Card) credentials

In Idaho, REAL ID, commonly referred to as the Star Card, is optional. Pursuant to federal regulations, ITD is required to indicate which credentials are REAL ID-compliant and which credentials are not. This is done by putting a yellow star emblem in the upper right corner of REAL ID-compliant cards, and printing a banner across the card that states "NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR REAL ID OFFICIAL PURPOSES" on non-compliant cards. However, regardless of star emblem or banner, these are valid credentials and applicants are required to provide proof of identity to obtain them.

DUPLICATE indicator

The word DUPLICATE may be found on a credential that has been replaced after the initial driver's license or identification card has been issued. Replacements of credentials are most commonly purchased because the original card was either lost or destroyed. The word DUPLICATE does not invalidate the credential.



Example image showing the Non-REAL ID compliant banner and duplicate indicator

Further questions can be directed to the Idaho Transportation Department by calling 208-334-8736

Sincerely,

Division of Motor Vehicles
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