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Parents or guardians may obtain ID cards for their children under age 15 at any DMV customer service center. In addition to serving as an identity document, the child's photograph is stored in DMV's database. If the child becomes missing, DMV can retrieve the image and transmit it to law enforcement anywhere in the United States immediately. No other ID card can provide this service.



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Children's Identification Cards

A parent or guardian must present one proof of identity document for the child, such as a U.S. birth certificate or U.S. passport. The parent or guardian must also certify the child's Virginia residency using the Identification Card Application for Minors (DL5). The parent or guardian certifying the child's residency must show proof of identification (such as a driver's license, photo ID card or passport) and two proofs of Virginia residency (a utility bill, bank statement, deed or rental/lease agreement).

The child's legal presence may be proved using the U.S. birth certificate or U.S. Passport.

Additional documents that can be used to prove identity and legal presence in the U.S. are listed in a brochure called Obtaining a Virginia Driver's License or ID Card (DMV 141), available at dmvNOW.com.

Child ID cards are valid for three to eight years depending on the applicant's age. If a child's name appears on the parent's legal presence document that document will govern the length of time the child's ID will remain valid.

The fee for child IDs is \$2 per year (minimum \$10; maximum \$16). Child IDs can be upgraded to REAL ID compliant credentials. See dmvNOW.com/REALID for more information.

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