



Travel Info

From the Erie County Clerk
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Enhanced Driver's License (EDL)

◆ Available after September 16, 2008 ◆

WHAT IS AN EDL?

It is an optional travel document that also serves as a NYS Driver's License that will be accepted as an alternative to a passport for all land and sea travel between the United States, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean. EDL is valid for Eight Years, same as NYS Regular Driver License.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR AN EDL?

Only applicants who can provide proof of identity, NYS Residency and US Citizenship. EDL's will also be available for those who qualify for a CDL or motorcycle license. Enhanced Non-Driver ID Cards will be offered as well.

WHEN DO I NEED AN EDL?

It is **not** required until June of 2009 when the US Dept. of Homeland Security requires either a passport or EDL for travel. Until then, your birth certificate and photo ID suffice for re-entry into the U.S.

WILL THE EDL BE ALLOWED FOR DOMESTIC AIR TRAVEL?

Yes, for **domestic air travel** within the U.S., an EDL, a regular driver license or a non-driver photo ID card are all acceptable as proof of identity for boarding.

WHAT IS THE COST OF A EDL?

If your license is up for renewal, it is \$30 in addition to the basic license cost of \$50 — **Total: \$80**
If your license is **not up** it is \$30 for the EDL plus \$10 for the amendment fee — **Total: \$40**

DOES THE EDL LOOK DIFFERENT FROM THE CURRENT LICENSE?

It will look like your NYS Driver's License; however it is thicker because there is a chip installed within it. This chip will provide a coded number to the border agents. No personal identifying information would be available through this card. To indicate citizenship, a US flag icon will be on the face of the card.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO RECEIVE AN EDL DOCUMENT?

The NYS DMV estimates that it will take approximately two weeks from the date your application is processed for you to receive your license in the mail. You will leave the Auto Bureau with a temporary license that will suffice until your new license arrives.

WHAT DO CHILDREN NEED FOR TRAVEL?

Children under the age of 18 will continue to need to present proof of citizenship, such as a birth certificate for land and sea travel. An EDL is not required.

ARE THERE OTHER OPTIONS FOR TRAVEL?

Yes. A U.S. Passport which costs \$100.00 and is good for 10 years (for land, sea and air travel). Also, the Nexus Card is available for \$50.00 which is good for 5 years after a background check/interview. (land & sea only). You may apply for a passport through the Erie County Clerk's Office at 92 Franklin St., in Buffalo.

NYS Required Proofs for EDL

Needed to Apply DMV Form MV-44.1.e

Proof of Citizenship (Must present ONE of these)

- ◆ Valid US Passport
- ◆ Original or Certified copy of US Birth Certificate
- ◆ Original Certificate of Naturalization
- ◆ Original Certificate of Citizenship
- ◆ Original DOS Consular report of birth abroad **And...**



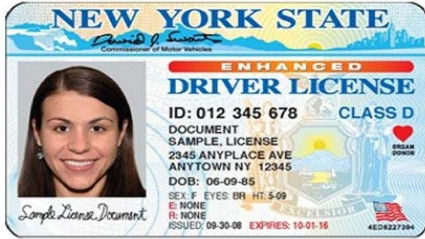
Proof of Identity Must present existing New York State Driver's License or 6 Points of Identity **And...**
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Social Security Social Security Card **And...**

Proof of NYS Residency

(Must present TWO of these Original proofs)

- ◆ Medical Examiner's Certificate with NYS address and signature issued within one year (form used for CDL physical requirement)
- ◆ Voter Registration Notification Card issued within one year
- ◆ Property Deed
- ◆ Residential Lease issued within one year
- ◆ Proof of Current Mortgage
- ◆ Property or School Tax Bills or Receipts (for the current year). Must reflect current address both on mailing portion and portion stating what property is being taxed.
- ◆ Federal or New York State Income Tax W-2 (with SSN) issued within one year
- ◆ Annual Social Security Statement for the current year
- ◆ Selective Service Card
- ◆ Jury Duty Notice issued within one year
- ◆ Current Proof of Homeowners/Renters insurance (Policy, Proof of Claim)
- ◆ NYS Pistol Permit
- ◆ NYS Professional License
- ◆ NY Certificate of Title
- ◆ Photo College ID with Transcript issued within one year
- ◆ Report Card with Photo ID
- ◆ Current Proof of Health Insurance coverage (with address pre-printed)
- ◆ Federal or NYS Income Tax or Earning Statement (1099, 1098)
- ◆ Unemployment Benefit Statement issued within one year
- ◆ Welfare Benefit Statement
- ◆ SSI Award Statement
- ◆ Assisted Living or Nursing Home Statement
- ◆ Retirement Statement
- ◆ Original Credit Card statement on letterhead issued within 120 days
- ◆ Military Orders that are still in effect
- ◆ Bank statement issued within the last 120 days
- ◆ Cancelled Check (with preprinted name and address) issued within 120 days
- ◆ Computer Printed Pay Stub (with name and address) issued within 120 days
- ◆ Life Insurance Policy or Current Statement issued within 120 days with address
- ◆ Utility bill with name and address - issued within 120 days
(defined as a bill containing the applicant's name and address for any recurring service such as telephone bill (home or cell), electric bill, trash bill, water bill).



Erie County Auto Bureau Offices

Kathleen C. Hochul

Erie County Clerk



Please visit one of our Main Enhanced License Processing Sites

Buffalo: Downtown

77 Broadway (Between Elm & Oak Streets)

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Cheektowaga: Urbandale Plaza

2122 George Urban Blvd. (at Dick Road)

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.
Wednesday	11:00 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Thursday	10:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Saturday	7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Northtown- Satellite Offices *on a limited basis only*

City of Tonawanda

City Hall, 200 Niagara St
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Town of Tonawanda

Sheridan Parkside Center, Rm 117
169 Sheridan Parkside
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Southtown- Satellite Offices *on a limited basis only*

ECC South

Bldg. 7 4041 Southwestern Blvd
Orchard Park -*Enter from Big Tree Rd*
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Town of Evans

Evans Town Hall, 8787 Erie Rd. (Rt.5)
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri. 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

**Note: Due to privacy concerns and space limitations EDL's are not available
at the ECC North Office or our weekly Mobile Locations**

Helpful information on the internet:

NYS DMV	www.nysdmv.com
Erie County Clerk's Office	www.erie.gov/clerk
Social Security Online	www.socialsecurity.gov
US Passports	www.travel.state.gov
Citizenship and Naturalization	www.uscis.gov