Airport ID Checklist 2026: REAL ID or TSA ConfirmID

What to bring to the checkpoint, and what to do if you have no acceptable ID

BEFORE THE TRIP

Check your ID

- [ ] Find your REAL ID-compliant license, or your passport
- [ ] Passport, passport card or military ID also work

No acceptable ID? Pay first

- [ ] Pay the $45 fee on Pay.gov for each adult
- [ ] Enter your outbound date as the travel start date
- [ ] Find the Pay.gov receipt email
- [ ] Save the receipt on your phone or print it

AT THE AIRPORT

Bring

- [ ] Photo ID, or the printed or electronic receipt
- [ ] Boarding pass
- [ ] Children under 18 need no ID inside the U.S.

My trip

Outbound date (travel start date) _____

Last day my receipt covers _____

Return date _____

Names of adults who paid _____

Rules and limits

- Fee: $45 per person for each 10-day use.
- The receipt is your proof: bring a printed or electronic copy.
- Payment does not guarantee TSA can verify you.
- Children under 18 need no ID for U.S. domestic travel.

My notes

Source: Transportation Security Administration (TSA) ConfirmID and Identification pages; Pay.gov TSA ConfirmID Program Fee; Federal Register, Dec. 3, 2025. Rules can change; check tsa.gov before you fly.