



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION**  
Accounts and Control

MEMORANDUM

To: All Chief Financial Officers and Program Managers

From: Dotty Pascale, State Controller

Date: April 16, 2025

Re: Real ID Requirement for Travel

Dear Colleague,

This message is to advise you about the new U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) identification requirements for U.S. domestic air travel.

Starting on Wednesday, May 7, the TSA will require all travelers to present their REAL ID-compliant form of identification when traveling on U.S. domestic flights.

A REAL ID is a driver's license or state-issued ID that meets federal standards for security and identification. Failure to present a valid REAL ID will result in failure to pass through the TSA security checkpoints.

**What You Need To Know:**

**REAL ID Identification:** Ensure your driver's license or state ID is REAL ID-compliant. Look for a star in the upper right corner of the card.

**Alternative Options:** If you do not have a REAL ID, you can still travel by using an alternative form of identification, such as a U.S. passport, military ID, or other TSA-approved IDs.

**Check Your Status:** If you're unsure whether your ID is REAL ID-compliant, check with your state's Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for more information on how to obtain one.

**Plan Ahead:** If you need to upgrade your ID, please allow sufficient time to obtain a REAL ID before your travel date.

**Review REAL ID FAQs:** [REAL ID FAQs | Homeland Security \[dhs.gov\]](#)

Please contact Brunilda Larios, [brunilda.larios@doa.ri.gov](mailto:brunilda.larios@doa.ri.gov) with any questions.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dotty Pascale".