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# RESEARCH BRIEF ON **DRIVER AUTHORIZATION CARD**

## BACKGROUND

Senate Bill 303 (Chapter 282, *Statutes of Nevada*) from the 2013 Legislative Session allows Nevada residents who cannot meet the proof of identity requirements for a standard driver's license to provide documents, such as a birth certificate or passport from a foreign government, to obtain a Driver Authorization Card (DAC). The DAC is not a valid form of identification and is only meant to authorize driving. It may not be used for voter registration or to determine eligibility for government benefits, services, or licenses.

There are two physical differences between a DAC and a standard Nevada driver's license: (1) a DAC will state "Not Valid for Identification" on the top portion of the card; and (2) the blue banner will state "Driver Authorization Card" rather than "Driver License." The appearance is otherwise identical.

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) began issuing DACs in 2014. Drivers who cannot meet the proof of identity requirements to obtain a standard driver's license may be able to obtain a DAC if they present certain alternative documents.

To apply for a DAC, applicants must meet requirements in three areas:

1. Proof of identity;
2. Translation of any documents not in English; and
3. Proof of Nevada residency status.

All documents must be originals or certified copies; the DMV will not accept photocopies. Documents containing an expiration date must be valid and unexpired.

### **PROOF OF IDENTITY**

Applicants for a DAC may provide any of the documents required for a Real ID or standard license, OR either *one* of the following documents:

- United States Military Identification Card;
- United States Military Dependent Identification Card;
- DD Form 214 – “Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty”; or
- United States Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood;

OR *two* of the following documents:

- Driver’s license or identification card issued by another state, the District of Columbia, or any territory of the U.S.;
- Driver authorization card issued by another state, the District of Columbia, or any territory of the U.S.;
- Passport issued by a foreign government;
- Birth certificate issued by a foreign government; or
- Consular identification card or any document issued by a foreign government that the DMV determines is substantially similar to a consular identification card.

For a complete list of DMV approved documents, you may visit: <http://www.dmvnv.com/dlresidency.htm>.

### **TRANSLATION OF ANY DOCUMENTS NOT IN ENGLISH**

Any document provided in a language other than English must be properly translated to English before it can be accepted. Any document translated from a foreign language to English must include a:

- Full and complete translation of the entire document—no abstract translations will be accepted;
- Typed or electronically printed translation that is signed by a translator approved by the DMV; and
- Typed or electronically printed statement from an approved translator.

To see a complete list of DMV approved translators, you may visit: <http://www.dmvnv.com/translators.asp>.

### **PROOF OF NEVADA RESIDENCY STATUS**

To qualify for a DAC, applicants must provide original or certified copies of *two* documents showing proof of Nevada residency. The list of possible documents includes either:

1. An original or certified copy, dated within 60 days, of a:
  - Receipt from the rent or lease of a residence located in this State;
  - Record from a public utility for a service address located in this State;
  - Bank or credit card statement indicating a residential address located in this State; or
  - Stub from an employment check indicating a residential address located in this State; OR

2. An original or certified copy of a last-issued:

- Document from an insurance company or its agent, including, without limitation, an insurance card, binder, or bill, indicating a residential address located in this State;
- Tax record other than property taxes;
- Record of property taxes assessed or paid; or
- Other document as prescribed by the DMV by regulation.

For a complete list of documents approved by regulation, you may visit: <http://www.dmvnv.com/dlresidency.htm>.

### CONCLUDING REMARKS

The cost to obtain a DAC is \$23.25, plus an additional \$26 testing fee, if required. Retests are \$11 each. Assembly Bill 322 (Chapter 402, *Statutes of Nevada*) from the 2017 Legislative Session provides that a DAC expires on the fourth anniversary of the holder's birthday, measured from the birthday nearest the date of issuance or renewal. The DAC must be renewed in person for \$23.25. Holders of a DAC also must apply in person at a DMV office if they need a duplicate card, which is available for \$18.25.

For more information or to apply for a DAC, you may visit: <http://www.dmvnv.com/dac.htm>, or visit a DMV office in your area.

