

REAL ID Compliance Briefing October 2017

Background

Currently, the federal government accepts licenses/identical cards issued by Washington/DOL for admission to federal facilities pursuant to a “limited [enforcement] extension” granted by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) through October 10, 2017. Washington has written to DHS to request an additional extension, in order for Washington to come into compliance with Real ID requirements.

Engrossed Senate Bill (ESB) 5008 lowered the cost of Washington’s EDLs/EIDs, repealed the prohibition on the use of state funds for purposes of complying with Real ID, and directed DOL to begin applying a certain Real ID compliant marking to PDLs/PIDs beginning July 1, 2018. DOL is expected to conform its systems, practices, and driver’s license/identical card issuance to comply with Real ID.

DOL’s Implementation of ESB 5008 -- Real ID Compliance

DOL has convened staff from across the agency to accomplish all necessary action items for Washington to comply with Real ID requirements.

Completed Work

- DOL reprogrammed its systems to reflect the ***lower cost of EDLs/EIDs effective July 23, 2017***, updated DOL’s website, and communicated with staff about the fee reduction.
- DOL identified all necessary action items to achieve compliance, and corresponded with DHS about compliance progress when DOL ***requested another federal enforcement extension on September 7, 2017***.

Work in Progress

- As required by ESB 5008, DOL has initiated rule-making to ensure that ***PDLs/PIDs issued on or after July 1, 2018 bear the appropriate marking*** (i.e., a marking consistent with section 1 of ESB 5008, which cites 6 CFR § 37.71).
- DOL is ***revising its policies/practices to comply with federal regulations and ESB 5008***, incorporating as many of those changes as are needful into its ***configuration of its new technology system (DRIVES), and training staff***. DOL is on track to meet federal requirements when the new system rolls out on September 4, 2018.
- In collaboration with marketing contractors, DOL is ***developing communications for various audiences*** to include underserved communities about Real ID, federal enforcement impacts, EDL/EID/PDL/PID options and eligibility, and documentation requirements associated with available options.
- DOL anticipates writing to DHS in September 2018 to ***request Real ID compliance certification***.