

REAL ID IS BIOMETRIC ID

The Federal REAL ID Act of 2005

REQUIRES that a digital facial image be captured from each driver's license and ID card applicant.

These images must to be captured conformant to an **international biometric format standard** enabling the use of **facial recognition technology** and **global information sharing**.



Real ID is for Real

Q. What are biometrics, and are they required under the act?

“Under REAL ID, states are required to use a face biometric standard that allows for facial recognition and authentication...”

SOURCE: National Conference of State Legislators, March 1, 2014

“The main ideology for defining the design of the DL/ID is the minimum acceptable set of requirements to guarantee global interoperability” Source: Personal Identification – AAMVA North American Standard – DL/ID Card Design, 2012



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¹⁷ The relevant ICAO standard is ICAO 9303 Part 1 Vol 2, specifically ISO/IEC 19794-5 - Information technology - Biometric data interchange formats - Part 5: Face image data, which is incorporated into ICAO 9303..

Source: **Department of Homeland Security**, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the REAL ID Act. http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/norm_realid.pdf

‘In addition, as a result of the Act, state databases will contain **standardized photo images that will allow law enforcement agencies to use facial-recognition technology...**’

Source: **Department of Homeland Security**, “Privacy Impact Assessment for the REAL ID Act”, March 1, 2007 http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/privacy/privacy_pia_realid.pdf

Section 202(b)(5) of the Act requires that the **state-issued REAL ID driver's license or identification card include a digital photograph of the individual**. In addition, Section 202(d)(3) provides that the state shall require that **each individual applying for a driver's license or identification card be subject to mandatory facial image capture**

Source: **Department of Homeland Security**, Privacy Impact Assessment, March 1, 2007.