

**186.403 Voluntary travel ID instruction permits, operator's licenses, commercial driver's licenses, and personal identification cards -- Application -- Fees -- Issuance -- Administrative regulations.**

- (1) The Transportation Cabinet shall develop a system of issuing voluntary travel ID instruction permits, operator's licenses, commercial driver's licenses, and personal identification cards.
- (2) The development of the system identified in subsection (1) of this section shall include but not be limited to the:
  - (a) Acquisition of equipment and information technology systems and services;
  - (b) Modification, conversion, or upgrade of the cabinet's existing databases, equipment, and information technology systems;
  - (c) Establishment of electronic connectivity with any other state's driver licensing department, federal agency, national or regional association, or business. Electronic connectivity under this paragraph shall be limited to the sharing of the minimum amount of information necessary to validate information supplied by an applicant, process the application, and produce and distribute the identity document. The Transportation Cabinet shall limit any access to the databases developed under this chapter in accordance with the Driver's Privacy Protection Act, 18 U.S.C. sec. 2721;
  - (d) Creation of a new design for operator's licenses, commercial driver's licenses, instruction permits, and personal identification cards that will meet the minimum content, design, and security standards required under this section;
  - (e) Collection, management, and retention of personal information and identity documents; and
  - (f) Development and implementation of a comprehensive security plan to ensure the security and integrity of the department's:
    1. Employees;
    2. Facilities;
    3. Storage systems;
    4. Production of operator's licenses, commercial driver's licenses, instruction permits, and personal identification cards; and
    5. Collection and retention of personal information and identity documents.
- (3) A person who:
  - (a) Applies for an initial Kentucky instruction permit, operator's license, or personal identification card under KRS 186.412 or 186.4122, including any person who establishes residency in the state, may apply for either a voluntary travel ID or a standard instruction permit, operator's license, or personal identification card;
  - (b) Applies for the renewal of an instruction permit, operator's license, or personal identification card under KRS 186.412, 186.4121, 186.4122, or 186.4123 may apply for either a voluntary travel ID or a standard instruction permit, operator's license, or personal identification card;

- (c)
  - 1. Meets the minimum requirements for federal recognition in Section 202 of the REAL ID ACT of 2005, as amended, in 49 U.S.C. sec. 30301 note;
  - 2. Has been admitted to the United States as a nonimmigrant pursuant to a compact of free association between the United States and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, or the Federated States of Micronesia; and
  - 3. Applies for an initial or renewal operator's license or personal identification card under KRS 186.412 or 186.4122;  
may apply for either a voluntary travel ID or a standard instruction permit, operator's license, or personal identification card; and
- (d) Holds a voluntary travel ID operator's license, and applies for and passes all necessary examinations for a commercial driver's license under KRS Chapter 281A, shall receive a voluntary travel ID commercial driver's license. This paragraph shall not apply to a person who is not a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.
- (4) The fees for initial, renewal, duplicate, or corrected voluntary travel ID or standard operator's licenses, instruction permits, or personal identification cards shall be as set forth under KRS 186.531.
- (5) A voluntary travel ID identity document issued by the cabinet may be used for all state purposes authorized for identity documents otherwise issued under KRS 186.400 to 186.640 and Chapter 281A.
- (6) The Transportation Cabinet shall promulgate administrative regulations under KRS Chapter 13A that set standards for the establishment of a voluntary travel ID identity document system, including but not limited to the components of the system identified in subsection (2) of this section.

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