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New documents required to obtain or renew driver license

Florida now requires additional documents for people renewing or obtaining their Florida driver license or identification card, according to Sarasota County Tax Collector Barbara Ford-Coates. The changes are required to bring Florida into compliance with the Department of Homeland Security's Real ID act.

To renew or obtain a license or identification card, residents must now have:

- Two proofs of residence such as:
 - Deed.
 - Monthly mortgage statement.
 - Residential rental/lease agreement.
 - Utility hook-up (or work order) dated within 60 days of the application.

Minors, students, or others without those documents can use school related information.

- Proof of your Social Security number such as:
 - Social Security card.
 - Tax return.
 - W-2 form.
 - Pay check stub.
 - DD-214 (military discharge document).
 - School record.

To get a license or identification card for the first time residents also must have:

- Two proofs of identity such as:
 - Valid passport
 - Out-of-state driver license
 - Original or certified birth certificate (name on each document must match exactly or be accompanied by an official marriage certificate or court order)

Minors also may use a written statement from parents.

Non-U.S. citizens must provide additional documents such as:

- Valid permanent resident card.
- Employment authorization card.

A driver license service is provided by the tax collector in Sarasota and Venice. The state office is at 601 S. Pompano Ave., Sarasota. Further information on the documents required can be found at www.SarasotaTaxCollector.com by clicking the driver license link.

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