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# Re-Entry Identification Guidebook

A Resource for Individuals  
Re-Entering the Community

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# Welcome

Congratulations on beginning your re-entry journey! One of the first steps in the re-entry process, and a step that is often required to cash checks, open a bank account, find housing, and gain employment, is to obtain some basic forms of identification, including a birth certificate, Social Security card, state ID, and/or driver's license. This Re-Entry Identification Guidebook provides detailed instructions and additional resources that can help you obtain identification before and after your release from incarceration.





# Guidebook Overview

This section provides a brief overview of the Re-Entry Identification Guidebook, including why it was created, what's included in it, who can benefit from using it, and when it should be used.



# Guidebook Overview

## ? Why was this guidebook created?

Most incarceration facilities have processes in place that aim to help people obtain important forms of identification before their release from jail and prison. However, some people may find themselves leaving Nebraska jails and prisons without essential forms of ID for a variety of reasons, including lack of required documentation to obtain certain forms of ID, insufficient staff capacity to help incarcerated individuals work through identification processes, and other challenges unique to the individual's situation. This guidebook was created as a resource to help people understand how to obtain the most critical forms of personal identification, including birth certificates, Social Security cards, state IDs, and driver's licenses.

## ? What is included in this guidebook?

This guidebook provides information about how to obtain four major forms of identification (birth certificates, Social Security numbers/cards, state IDs, and driver's licenses), along with information about pre-release processes and additional resources. The guidebook is organized into five main sections, which are listed below.

<b>Pre-Release Information</b>	Important information and useful tips for obtaining identification prior to release from jail or prison
<b>Birth Certificate</b>	Detailed instructions for obtaining your birth certificate
<b>Social Security Number or Card</b>	Detailed instructions for requesting a Social Security number or replacement card
<b>Nebraska State ID or Driver's License</b>	Detailed instructions for obtaining a Nebraska state ID or driver's license
<b>Resources</b>	Other helpful resources, including a list of re-entry organizations that may be able to help you obtain identification and links to where birth certificates may be requested from each state in the United States



# Guidebook Overview

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## ? Who can benefit from using this guidebook?

This guidebook was primarily designed for people who have been incarcerated and need to obtain specific forms of identification. Much of the information is specific to Nebraska, but the processes for obtaining birth certificates, Social Security cards, state IDs, and driver's licenses are likely to be similar in other states. This guidebook may also be used by people who help justice-involved individuals obtain identification, including jail and prison staff, probation and parole officers, and service providers who provide re-entry support to people before and after release.

## ? When should this guidebook be used?

This guidebook contains important information for people to consider before their release, as well as detailed instructions for obtaining identification after release. It may be beneficial to review this guidebook at the time of entry (especially if you need to obtain a copy of your birth certificate), 120 days prior to release (if you need to obtain a Social Security number or card), and immediately before or after release (if you need a state ID or driver's license).





# Pre-Release Information

If possible, it is best to make sure you have all major forms of identification before you are released from jail or prison. Below, you will find information about pre-release identification processes, as well as tips for obtaining identification prior to release.





# Pre-Release Information

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## ? What identification support processes do facilities have in place?

- ▶ Any forms of identification that an individual has upon entry into Nebraska jails or prisons are documented and put into the person's file in preparation for release.
- ▶ Most facilities document the forms of identification a person has and determine the critical documents they will need upon release in order to create a plan that can be used to help obtain any missing forms of identification.
- ▶ In some cases, missing identification may be able to be retrieved by family members or friends who have access to the person's personal property. They can then mail the documents to the facility for storage in preparation for one's release date.
- ▶ For any forms of identification not already on file or submitted by family members and friends, facility staff can work with the affiliated entities to obtain the missing identification.
- ▶ Most facilities are able to assist individuals who need identification documents by helping them complete any needed paperwork, having it notarized and stamped, and submitting it to the appropriate entity (e.g., Social Security Administration, Department of Motor Vehicles).
- ▶ Depending on the facility, the process of obtaining identification in preparation for release typically begins around 120 days before an individual's scheduled release date.
- ▶ Individuals on work release can usually obtain identification prior to their 120-day release window for the purposes of gaining employment.
- ▶ If you have questions about the process of obtaining identification documents prior to release, be sure to talk to your case manager, the re-entry team, or other jail/prison staff about this.



# Pre-Release Information

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## ? What can I do to ensure I have identification before my release?

- ▶ Reach out to family members or friends and ask them to gather any forms of identification you had prior to release. These could be any identification documents, including your birth certificate, Social Security card, learner's permit, driver's license, citizenship documents, passports, military or other government IDs, etc.
- ▶ Ask them to send identification documents to the facility so they can be placed in your file and provided to you upon release. Or, if you prefer, ask your family member or friend to keep them in a safe place for you until you are released.
- ▶ Talk to your case manager, the re-entry team, or other jail/prison staff about getting any critical forms of identification well before (120+ days) your release date, as the application processes can take time.
- ▶ Respond as quickly as possible to any requests for information or completed paperwork you receive from corrections staff who are helping you obtain identification to move the request process along.
- ▶ You should try your best to get at least one form of identification before your release, even if it's not possible to get all of them. This will make it considerably easier to get other forms of identification after your release.

## ? What happens if I don't get identification before my release?

- ▶ Despite everyone's best efforts, there may be instances where people are released from jail or prison without important forms of identification.
- ▶ This can occur for a variety of reasons, including a lack of required documentation, insufficient staff capacity, and other challenges unique to the individual's situation.
- ▶ If you find yourself being released without identification, have no fear. The remaining sections of this guidebook provide detailed instructions for obtaining four of the important forms of identification (birth certificates, Social Security cards, state IDs, and driver's licenses) post-release.
- ▶ There are also numerous re-entry organizations that can assist you with getting identification. See the Resources section of this guidebook for a list of re-entry organizations in Nebraska.





# Birth Certificate



# Birth Certificate

## ? What is a birth certificate and why do I need one?

A birth certificate is a critical identification document for verifying your U.S. citizenship status. A birth certificate will be required to obtain a Social Security number, state ID, driver's license, and other forms of ID, such as a passport or military identification card, to name a few. It is important to note that photocopies will not be accepted by most entities. As a result, you will need to follow the process below to obtain a legal certified copy printed on multi-colored security paper with a digitally enhanced state seal. This section of the Re-Entry Identification Guidebook provides information on how to obtain your birth certificate.

## ? Where can I get a birth certificate?

- ▶ If you were born in Douglas County, Nebraska and were not adopted at any time, you can request your birth certificate from the Douglas County Health Department in one of two ways:

### 1 By Mail

By completing this application form at [https://www.douglascountyhealth.com/images/stories/VSAppForms/2023\\_BCert\\_Application\\_ENG\\_V20.pdf](https://www.douglascountyhealth.com/images/stories/VSAppForms/2023_BCert_Application_ENG_V20.pdf) and mailing it along with a check or money order to the following address:

Douglas County Health Department  
Vital Statistics  
Civic Center, Room H-01  
1819 Farnam Street  
Omaha, NE 68183

### 2 In Person

By completing an application and submitting payment in person at the Douglas County Health Department during regular business hours (Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm) at:

Omaha-Douglas Civic Center Building  
1819 Farnam Street  
Room H-01  
Omaha, NE 68183



# Birth Certificate

- ▶ If you were born outside Douglas County, Nebraska or were adopted at any time, you can request your birth certificate from the Office of Vital records in one of three ways:

## 1 Online

By completing an online form at <https://nevitalrecords-dhhs.ne.gov/> and submitting payment via Visa or Mastercard.

## 2 By Mail

By completing this application form at <https://public-dhhs.ne.gov/Forms/DisplayPDF.aspx?item=2650> and mailing it along with a check or money order to the following address:

Nebraska Vital Records  
P.O. Box 95065  
Lincoln, NE 68509-5065

## 3 In Person

By completing an application and submitting payment in person at the Office of Vital Records during regular business hours (Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm) at:

Nebraska State Office Building  
301 Centennial Mall South (First Floor)  
Lincoln, NE 68509

- ▶ If you were born in another state or outside the United States, an online search should point you to the appropriate government agency and process for requesting a birth certificate from that particular state or country. The Resources section of this document also provides a list of website links where birth certificates may be requested for each U.S. state.



# Birth Certificate

## ? What information will I need to provide?

<b>Name</b>	Your full name at birth
<b>Birth Date</b>	Your date of birth
<b>Place of Birth</b>	The city and county where you were born
<b>Parents' Names</b>	Parents' full names at birth (adoptive parents' names if adopted)
<b>Mailing Address</b>	Your current address
<b>Phone</b>	Your daytime phone number
<b>Email</b>	Your email address

## ? What will I need to prove my identity?

- ▶ You will need a government-issued ID with a photograph (see examples below).

### Government-Issued ID Examples

- ▶ Federal/State/Local Government ID
- ▶ State-Issued Driver's License
- ▶ Jail ID or Prison ID  
(valid 6 months after release)
- ▶ State-Issued Learner's Permit
- ▶ Visa
- ▶ CDL Work Permit
- ▶ Interlock Consular ID
- ▶ Passport Card or Attorney Bar Card
- ▶ Military ID
- ▶ Pilot License VA Card



# Birth Certificate

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- ▶ If you don't have a government-issued ID, you will need two or more of the following documents, including at least one from List A and one from List B (see below).

## List A

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- ▶ Professional regulated certifications (medical license)
- ▶ School record/transcript/report card – current school year
- ▶ University/College/School ID – current school year
- ▶ Health Insurance/Medicaid/Medicare card
- ▶ Voter's Registration
- ▶ I-9 or W-4 (from employee's file)
- ▶ Car insurance/registration – current
- ▶ Tribal enrollment documentation

## List B

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- ▶ Utility bill
- ▶ Signed release papers from jail or prison
- ▶ Paycheck stub
- ▶ DMV Letter of Application
- ▶ Bank statement
- ▶ W-2 – previous year
- ▶ Traffic ticket – original with signature
- ▶ Letter from parole or probation officer

- ▶ Note that the information and documentation options listed above are required to obtain a Nebraska birth certificate. Information and documentation required to obtain a birth certificate from other states or countries are likely to be similar. However, the required information and accepted proof of identification documents may vary.



# Birth Certificate

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## ? How much will it cost?

- ▶ The fee for a Nebraska birth certificate is \$17 as of 2023.
- ▶ The fees for birth certificates in other states vary, but most are between \$10 and \$50.
- ▶ If you need help covering the cost of your birth certificate, see the Resources section of this guidebook for a list of re-entry organizations that may be able to help.
- ▶ If you were born in Nebraska, you can get a free certified copy of your birth certificate for voting purposes from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

## ? How long will it take to get my birth certificate?

- ▶ Nebraska birth certificates typically take three to four weeks to be delivered.
- ▶ Out-of-state birth certificates typically take longer to arrive. Some states take six to nine months.

## ? Need Help?

- ▶ If you are unable to access any of the documents needed to prove your identity for the purposes of obtaining a birth certificate due to being incarcerated or for other reasons, facility staff and service providers may be able to help you contact previous schools, doctors, employers, and other entities to obtain this documentation.
- ▶ You can contact Nebraska Vital Records at 402-471-2871 with any questions you may have about requesting a Nebraska birth certificate.
- ▶ If you are still having trouble, various re-entry organizations may be able to assist you with obtaining your birth certificate and covering any related fees. See the Resources section of this guidebook for a list of Nebraska-based re-entry organizations.
- ▶ If applying for a birth certificate from another state or country, you may need to contact their Department of Health or Vital Records. The Resources section of this guidebook provides links to the birth certificate issuing agency for each U.S. state.

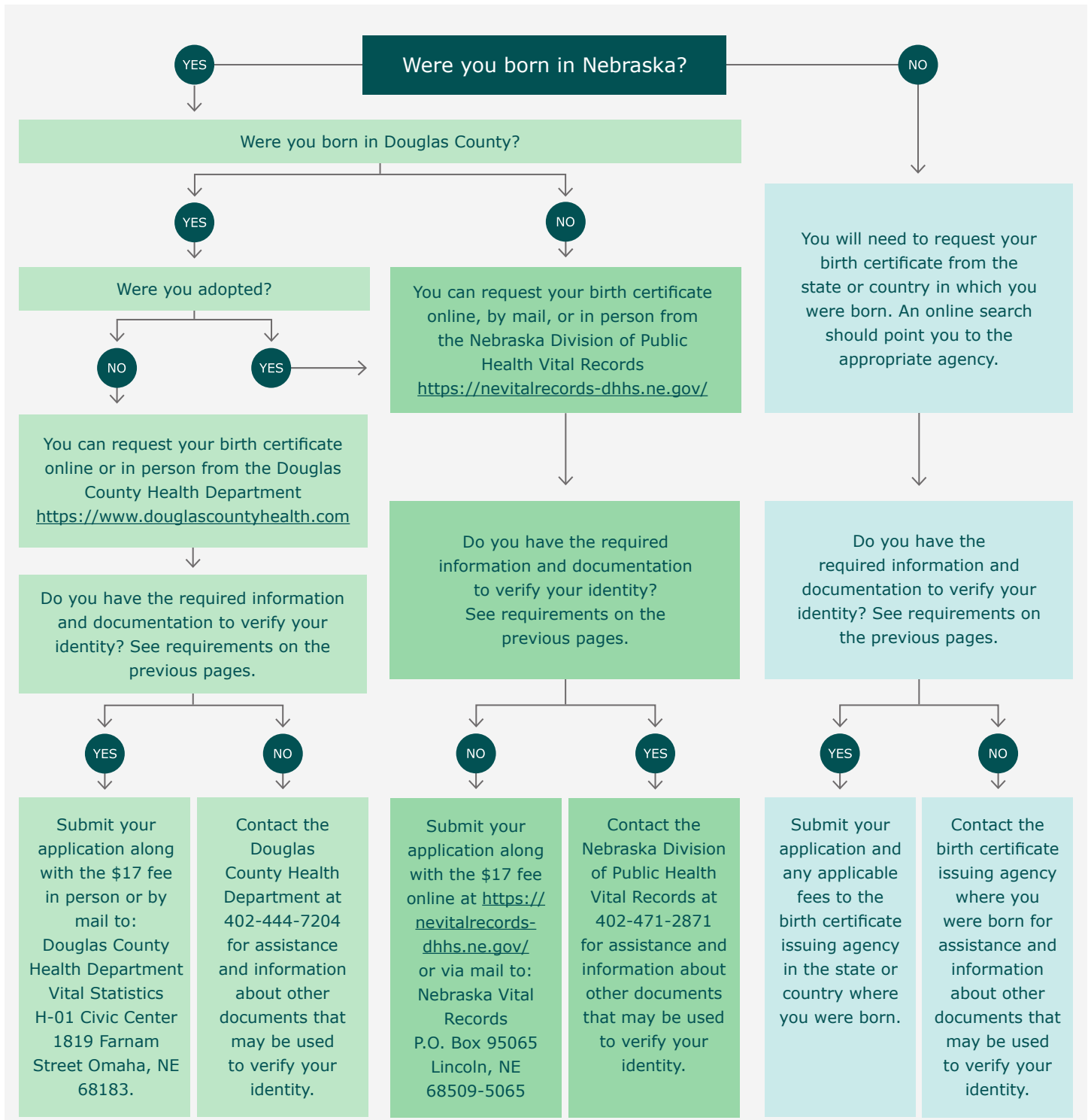




# Birth Certificate

## Flowchart Summary

Follow the steps below to get your birth certificate. If you need additional help, please refer to the Need Help section above or the Resources section at the end of this document.





# Social Security Number and Card



# Social Security Number and Card

## ? What is a Social Security number and card and why do I need one?

A Social Security number is a unique nine-digit number issued to U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and temporary residents. It is printed on a Social Security card, along with one's name, to provide official verification of one's Social Security number assigned by the Social Security Administration (SSA). You will need a Social Security number and card to start a job, open a bank account, apply for a loan, get a passport, claim government benefits, or file your taxes. Do not laminate your social security card. It will be considered invalid if you do so. This section of the Re-Entry Identification Guidebook provides details on how to request an original Social Security number if you don't already have one or a replacement Social Security card.

## ? Where can I get a Social Security number or replacement card?

- ▶ Whether you are applying for a replacement Social Security card or applying for a Social Security number for the first time, you will need to contact the Social Security Administration (SSA).

### Requesting a Social Security Number

<b>Online</b>	To obtain a Social Security number for the first time, you must submit an application online at <a href="https://secure.ssa.gov/ossnap/public/landingOSSnap">https://secure.ssa.gov/ossnap/public/landingOSSnap</a> .
<b>In Person</b>	After you submit your online request, you must visit your local SSA office or card center within 45 days and bring any required documentation (see below) with you. Find your local SSA office or card center at <a href="https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp">https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp</a>

### Requesting a Replacement Social Security Card

- ▶ You can request a replacement Social Security card online or in person by completing one of the following steps.

<b>Online</b>	If you already have a Social Security number and a current mailing address, you can request a replacement card online at <a href="https://www.ssa.gov/number-card/replace-card/get-started/applicant">https://www.ssa.gov/number-card/replace-card/get-started/applicant</a> .
<b>In Person</b>	If you do not have a current mailing address, you will need to fill out the Application for a Social Security Card at <a href="https://www.ssa.gov/forms/ss-5.pdf">https://www.ssa.gov/forms/ss-5.pdf</a> and bring it to your nearest SSA office, which can be found at <a href="https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp">https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp</a>



# Social Security Number and Card

## ? What information will I need provide?

<b>Name to be Shown on Card</b>	The name on your Social Security card
<b>Birth Name</b>	Your full name at birth
<b>Other Names</b>	Any other names or aliases used
<b>Social Security Number</b>	Social Security number, if previously assigned
<b>Place of Birth</b>	The city and county where you were born
<b>Birth Date</b>	Your date of birth
<b>Citizenship</b>	Citizenship status (e.g., Citizen, Legal Alien Allowed to Work)
<b>Ethnicity/Race</b>	Your race and ethnicity
<b>Mother's Name at Birth</b>	Your mother's name at birth or maiden name
<b>Father's Name at Birth</b>	Your father's name at birth
<b>Name on Most Recent Social Security Card</b>	Name on your most recent Social Security card
<b>Different Date of Birth</b>	Any different date of birth used on an earlier Social Security card application
<b>Today's Date</b>	The date on which you completed the application
<b>Phone</b>	Your daytime phone number
<b>Mailing Address</b>	Your current address



# Social Security Number and Card

## ? What will I need to prove my identity?

- ▶ If you are applying for an original card, you must provide at least two documents in each of the following categories to prove your age, identity, and U.S. citizenship or current lawful, work-authorized immigration status.
- ▶ If you are applying for a replacement card, you must provide one document in each of the following categories to prove your identity.
- ▶ You must present original documents or copies certified by the agency that issued them. The Social Security Administration will not accept photocopies or notarized copies. All documents must be current and not expired.
- ▶ See below for examples of the types of documents you must provide with your application. Please note that this list is not all-inclusive.

### Evidence of Age

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- ▶ U.S. birth certificate
- ▶ U.S. hospital record of your birth (created at time of birth)
- ▶ Religious record established before age five showing your age or date of birth
- ▶ U.S. passport
- ▶ Final adoption decree (must show birth information from original birth certificate)

### Evidence of Identity

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- ▶ U.S. driver's license
- ▶ U.S. state-issued non-driver identity card
- ▶ Jail ID or Prison ID
- ▶ Employee identity card
- ▶ Health Insurance/Medicaid/Medicare card
- ▶ Other Federal/State/Local Government ID
- ▶ U.S. Passport
- ▶ U.S. military identity card
- ▶ Certified copy of medical records
- ▶ University/College/School ID



# Social Security Number and Card

## Evidence of U.S. Citizenship

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- ▶ U.S. birth certificate
- ▶ U.S. passport
- ▶ Consular Report of Birth
- ▶ Certificate of Citizenship
- ▶ Certificate of Naturalization

## Evidence of Immigration Status

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- ▶ Current unexpired document issued by the Department of Homeland Security showing your immigration status, such as Form I-551, I-94, or I-766
- ▶ International students or exchange visitors may need to provide additional documents, such as Form I-20, DS-2019, or a letter authorizing employment from your school and employer (F-1) or sponsor (J-1)

## ? How much will it cost?

- ▶ There are no fees for obtaining an original Social Security number or a replacement card.
- ▶ However, you may receive no more than three replacement Social Security cards in a year or ten per lifetime.

## ? How long will it take to get my card?

- ▶ Social Security number or replacement card requests are typically processed within 14 business days. However, the timeline may vary depending on a person's unique circumstances.



# Social Security Number and Card

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## Need Help?

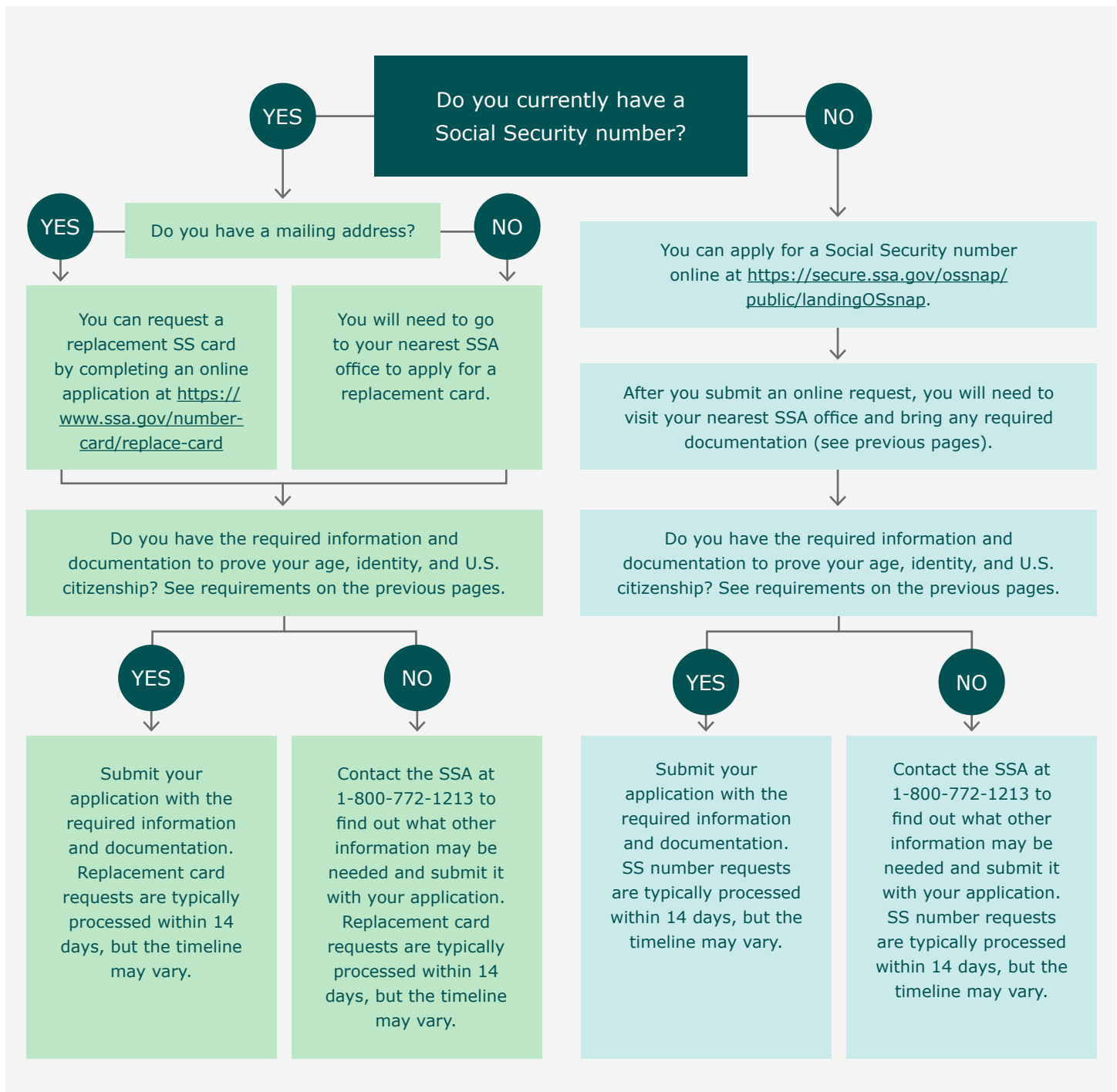
- ▶ If you are unable to access any of the documents needed to prove your identity for the purposes of obtaining a Social Security Number or card due to being incarcerated or for other reasons, facility staff and service providers may be able to help you contact previous schools, doctors, employers, and other entities to obtain this documentation.
- ▶ Call +1 800-772-1213 any time, Monday to Friday, 8am to 7pm, to talk to an SSA representative.
- ▶ You can also call TTY +1 800-325-0778 if you are hearing impaired.
- ▶ If you are still having trouble, various re-entry organizations may be able to assist you with obtaining a Social Security number or card. See the Resources section of this guidebook for a list of re-entry organizations in Nebraska.



# Social Security Number and Card

## Flowchart Summary

Follow the steps below to get your Social Security number or replacement card. If you need additional help, please refer to the Need Help section above or the Resources section at the end of this document.







# Nebraska State ID or Driver's License



# Nebraska State ID or Driver's License

## ? What is a state ID and driver's license and why do I need one?

State IDs and driver's licenses serve as perhaps the most common proof of identification an individual possesses. You will likely need a state ID or driver's license to obtain a bank account, employment, housing, government benefits, and other essential items post-incarceration. A driver's license is also necessary for someone to legally operate a motor vehicle. This section of the Re-Entry Identification Guidebook provides information on obtaining your state ID or driver's license.

## ? Where can I get my Nebraska state ID or driver's license?

- ▶ The process for obtaining a Nebraska state ID or operator's license (Class O) differs slightly depending on whether you are applying for the first time or seeking a renewal.

### New Applications

<b>In Person</b>	If you are applying for a Nebraska state ID or driver's license for the first time, you will most likely need to visit your local Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) office. You can find the nearest DMV Driver Licensing office and operating hours at <a href="https://dmv.nebraska.gov/locations">https://dmv.nebraska.gov/locations</a> .
<b>Online</b>	New applications for state IDs or drivers' licenses cannot be submitted online, unless the person holds a Provisional Operator's Permit (POP) and is between the ages of 18 and 21. If you meet these criteria, you can apply for a driver's license at <a href="https://www.nebraska.gov/dmv/dlr/index.cgi">https://www.nebraska.gov/dmv/dlr/index.cgi</a> .

### Renewals

<b>Online</b>	<p>You may be eligible to renew your state ID or driver's license online at <a href="https://www.nebraska.gov/dmv/dlr/index.cgi">https://www.nebraska.gov/dmv/dlr/index.cgi</a> if you meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Your name hasn't changed since the issuance of your last license or ID.</li><li>▶ Your physical description from your current license or ID hasn't changed significantly.</li><li>▶ You do not need to retake a driver's test or submit medical or vision information.</li><li>▶ Other exceptions may apply; please check online at <a href="https://www.nebraska.gov/dmv/dlr/restrictions.html">https://www.nebraska.gov/dmv/dlr/restrictions.html</a> to find out what those are.</li></ul>
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# Nebraska State ID or Driver's License

- ▶ Please note that you can only renew your Nebraska Driver's license online two consecutive times, assuming your license expires prior to your 72nd birthday. State ID cards can be renewed three consecutive times online.

## In Person

If you are unable to renew your state ID or driver's license online, you will need to visit your local Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) office. You can find the nearest DMV Driver Licensing office and operating hours at <https://dmv.nebraska.gov/locations>.

- ▶ If seeking a state ID or driver's license in another state, you will need to contact the Department of Motor Vehicles in that state for information about obtaining these forms of ID.

## ? Will I need to pass a test to get my driver's license?

- ▶ No testing is required to obtain a state ID. However, you may need to take vision, written, and drive tests to obtain a driver's license.
- ▶ See below for the Nebraska DMV's driver's license (Class O) testing requirements:
  - ▶ If an individual holds a POP and waits until they are between 18 and 21 years of age to apply for an operator's license, the written and drive tests will be waived. These individuals are eligible to obtain their license online at <https://www.dmv.nebraska.gov> or by applying at any driver licensing office.
  - ▶ Individuals 18 or older applying for a first-time license who have never held a POP will be required to take vision, written, and drive tests. However, the written test will be waived for individuals who have been issued a Learner's Permit (LPD) that is valid or expired for no more than one year.
  - ▶ New residents 18 or older surrendering a valid out-of-state license will be required to take a vision test. A drive test may be administered at the discretion of driver licensing staff. If the applicant is unable to surrender the out-of-state license or if the license is expired, the written test will be required.
  - ▶ For all other individuals renewing their Nebraska licenses, the written test will be waived if their license is valid or expired for no more than one year. A drive test may be administered at the discretion of driver licensing staff.



# Nebraska State ID or Driver's License

- ▶ All applicants for a Class O license who fail three successive drive tests will not be eligible to reapply until they: 1) show proof of successful completion of a DMV-approved driver training course; or 2) have held an LPD for at least 90 days.
- ▶ More information about licensing requirements and study materials for the driver's license written test can be found at <https://dmv.nebraska.gov/manuals>.

## ? What information will I need to provide?

<b>Name</b>	Your full name
<b>Birth Date</b>	Your date of birth
<b>Social Security Number</b>	Your Social Security number
<b>Current Address</b>	Your residential and mailing address
<b>Phone</b>	Your daytime phone number
<b>Email</b>	Your email address
<b>Ethnicity/Race</b>	Your race and ethnicity
<b>Physical Description</b>	Your sex, height, weight, eye color, and hair color
<b>Citizenship Status</b>	Yes/No questions indicating your citizenship status
<b>Voter Registration</b>	Questions about your desire to register to vote
<b>Veteran Designation</b>	Yes/No question about having a veteran designation on your ID/license
<b>Organ and Tissue Donation</b>	Questions about your organ and tissue donation preferences
<b>Medical/Physical Health</b>	Questions about medical/physical issues that impact driving ability



# Nebraska State ID or Driver's License

## ? What will I need to prove my identity?

- ▶ You will need to provide one of the following documents containing your name and date of birth to demonstrate proof of U.S. citizenship or lawful status and U.S.-based identity:

### Evidence of U.S. Citizenship and U.S.-Based Identity

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- ▶ Birth certificate
- ▶ Valid, unexpired U.S. passport
- ▶ Valid, unexpired Record of Arrival and Departure in a valid foreign passport
- ▶ Valid, unexpired Permanent Resident Card (I-551)
- ▶ Certificate of Citizenship (N-560 or N-451)
- ▶ Certificate of Naturalization (N-550 or N-570)
- ▶ Valid, unexpired Employment Authorization Card (I-766)
- ▶ Consular Report of Birth Abroad (FS-240, DS-1350, or FS-545)

- ▶ You will also need to provide proof of a principal address in the state of Nebraska by providing TWO of the following documents:

### Proof of Nebraska Address

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- ▶ Bank statement issued in the last 90 days
- ▶ Pay stub issued in the last 90 days
- ▶ Federal, state, or local government documents issued in the last 90 days
- ▶ Magazines issued in the last 90 days
- ▶ Envelope, box, or postcard postmarked in the last 90 days
- ▶ Any correspondence, receipt, or invoice sent in the last 90 days
- ▶ Valid Nebraska vehicle registration
- ▶ Valid life, health, auto, or home insurance policy or card
- ▶ Valid real estate tax statement or receipt
- ▶ Any valid license (driver's, nursing, law, teaching, fishing, etc.)
- ▶ Nebraska Voter Registration card
- ▶ Mortgage, lease, or rental agreement
- ▶ Nebraska DMV renewal notice
- ▶ Blank check or deposit slip



# Nebraska State ID or Driver's License

- ▶ If you are unable to access any of the documents needed to prove your identity for the purposes of obtaining a state ID or driver's license due to being incarcerated or for other reasons, facility staff and service providers may be able to help you contact previous schools, doctors, employers, and other entities to obtain this documentation.
- ▶ Finally, you will need to provide proof of a valid Social Security number or exemption that can be verified through the Social Security Administration by providing one or more of the following documents.

## Proof of a Valid Social Security Number

- ▶ Social Security card
- ▶ W-2 form
- ▶ SSA-1099 form
- ▶ Pay stub showing applicant's name and Social Security number
- ▶ A valid, unexpired Record of Arrival and Departure in a valid foreign passport (I-94 or I-94A)

## ? How much will it cost?

- ▶ Nebraska State IDs are free when issued for voting purposes.
- ▶ A Nebraska driver's license is valid for five years and requires a \$29 fee.
- ▶ There may be additional charges for renewing your state ID or driver's license online.

## ? How long will it take to get my ID or driver's license?

- ▶ If requesting a Nebraska state ID card or driver's license in person at your local DMV office, they will typically be provided that day.
- ▶ If renewing your Nebraska state ID or driver's license online, you should receive it in the mail within about two weeks after submitting your request.



# Nebraska State ID or Driver's License

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## Need Help?

- ▶ If you are unable to access any of the documents needed to prove your identity for the purposes of obtaining a state ID or driver's license due to being incarcerated or for other reasons, facility staff and service providers may be able to help you contact previous schools, doctors, employers, and other entities to obtain this documentation.
- ▶ If you have questions, please visit <https://dmv.nebraska.gov/> or contact your local DMV office. You can find contact information for the nearest DMV office at <https://dmv.nebraska.gov/locations>.
- ▶ If you are still having trouble, various re-entry organizations may be able to assist you with obtaining your state ID or driver's license and covering any related fees. See the Resources section of this guidebook for a list of re-entry organizations in Nebraska.



# Nebraska State ID or Driver's License

## Flowchart Summary

Follow the steps below to request a Nebraska state ID or driver's license from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). If you need additional help, please refer to the Need Help section above or the Resources section at the end of this document.







# Resources

This section of the Re-Entry Identification Guidebook outlines some helpful resources, including a list of Nebraska organizations that may be able to assist you with obtaining identification. It also includes website links where birth certificates may be requested for each state in the United States.



# Resources

## Helpful Organizations

The table below lists several organizations that assist individuals re-entering the community following incarceration. These organizations provide a variety of services and support, including assistance to people who need to obtain birth certificates, Social Security cards, state IDs, driver's licenses, and other forms of identification.

### Contact Information

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- ▶ Bridges to Hope  
<https://www.bridgestohopene.org/>  
402-420-5696
- ▶ Released and Restored  
<https://releasedandrestored.org/>  
402-806-0565
- ▶ Generation Diamond  
<https://www.generationdiamond.net/>  
402-546-9978
- ▶ RISE  
<https://www.seeusrise.org/>  
402-999-8063
- ▶ Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach  
<https://www.mtko.org/>  
402-477-4116
- ▶ Together  
<https://togetheromaha.org/>  
402-345-8047
- ▶ Metropolitan Community College's  
180 Re-Entry Assistance Program  
<https://www.mccneb.edu/reentry>  
531-622-7368



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## Birth Certificate Issuing Agencies

The table below provides links to where birth certificates may be requested for each state in the United States.

### Contact Information

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- ▶ Alabama  
<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/vitalrecords/birth-certificates.html>
- ▶ Alaska  
<https://health.alaska.gov/dph/VitalStats/Pages/birth/default.aspx>
- ▶ Arkansas  
<https://www.azdhs.gov/licensing/vital-records/index.php>
- ▶ Arizona  
<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/order-birth-records>
- ▶ California  
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHSI/Pages/Vital-Records-Obtaining-Certified-Copies-of-Birth-Records.aspx>
- ▶ Colorado  
<https://cdphe.colorado.gov/vitalrecords>
- ▶ Connecticut  
<https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Vital-Records/Birth-Certificates>
- ▶ Delaware  
<https://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/ss/vitalstats.html>
- ▶ Florida  
<https://duval.floridahealth.gov/certificates/birth/index.html>
- ▶ Georgia  
<https://dph.georgia.gov/VitalRecords>
- ▶ Hawaii  
<https://health.hawaii.gov/vitalrecords/birth-marriage-certificates/>
- ▶ Idaho  
<https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/services-programs/birth-marriage-death-records/order-record>
- ▶ Illinois  
<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/birth-death-other-records/birth-records/obtain-birth-certificate.html>
- ▶ Indiana  
<https://www.in.gov/health/vital-records/>
- ▶ Iowa  
<https://hhs.iowa.gov/health-statistics/request-record>
- ▶ Kansas  
<https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/1186/Birth-Certificate>



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- ▶ Kentucky  
<https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dehp/vsb/Pages/default.aspx>
- ▶ Louisiana  
<https://ldh.la.gov/page/635>
- ▶ Maine  
<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/data-research/vital-records/order/>
- ▶ Maryland  
<https://health.maryland.gov/vsa/Pages/birth.aspx>
- ▶ Massachusetts  
<https://www.mass.gov/ordering-a-certificate>
- ▶ Michigan  
<https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/doing-business/vitalrecords>
- ▶ Minnesota  
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/vitalrecords/birth.html>
- ▶ Mississippi  
<https://msdh.ms.gov/page/31,0,109,808.html>
- ▶ Missouri  
<https://health.mo.gov/data/vitalrecords/obtain-vital-record.php>
- ▶ Montana  
<https://dphhs.mt.gov/vitalrecords/>
- ▶ Nebraska  
<https://dhhs.ne.gov/pages/vital-records.aspx>
- ▶ Nevada  
[https://dphh.nv.gov/Programs/BirthDeath/Birth\\_and\\_Death\\_Vital\\_Records\\_-\\_Home/](https://dphh.nv.gov/Programs/BirthDeath/Birth_and_Death_Vital_Records_-_Home/)
- ▶ New Hampshire  
<https://www.vitalchek.com/v/birth-certificates/new-hampshire/new-hampshire-vital-records>
- ▶ New Jersey  
<https://www.nj.gov/health/vital/order-vital/>
- ▶ New Mexico  
<https://www.nmhealth.org/about/erd/bvrhs/vrp/>
- ▶ New York  
[https://www.health.ny.gov/vital\\_records/birth.htm](https://www.health.ny.gov/vital_records/birth.htm)
- ▶ North Carolina  
<https://vitalrecords.nc.gov/order.htm>
- ▶ North Dakota  
<https://www.hhs.nd.gov/vital/birth>



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- ▶ Ohio  
<https://odh.ohio.gov/know-our-programs/vital-statistics/How-to-Order-Certificates>
- ▶ Oklahoma  
<https://oklahoma.gov/health/services/birth-and-death-certificates/birth-certificates.html>
- ▶ Oregon  
<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/birthdeathcertificates/getvitalrecords/pages/index.aspx>
- ▶ Pennsylvania  
<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/certificates/Pages/Birth-Certificates.aspx>
- ▶ Rhode Island  
<https://health.ri.gov/records/about/copies/>
- ▶ South Carolina  
<https://scdhec.gov/vital-records/birth-certificates>
- ▶ South Dakota  
<https://doh.sd.gov/licensing-and-records/vital-records/order-vital-records/>
- ▶ Tennessee  
<https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/vital-records/certificate.html>
- ▶ Texas  
<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/vital-statistics/birth-records>
- ▶ Utah  
<https://vitalrecords.utah.gov/certificates/order-a-vital-record-certificate>
- ▶ Vermont  
<https://secure.vermont.gov/VSARA/vitalrecords/>
- ▶ Virginia  
<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/portsmouth/birth-death-certificates-and-vital-records/>
- ▶ Washington  
<https://doh.wa.gov/licenses-permits-and-certificates/vital-records/ordering-vital-record/birth-record>
- ▶ Washington DC  
<https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/birth-certificates>
- ▶ West Virginia  
<https://dhhr.wv.gov/HSC/VR/CR/Pages/default.aspx>
- ▶ Wisconsin  
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/vitalrecords/record.htm>
- ▶ Wyoming  
<https://health.wyo.gov/admin/vitalstatistics/vital-record/officialbirthcertificate/>





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# Contact Information



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**Nebraska Vital Records**

<https://nevitalrecords-dhhs.ne.gov>  
402-471-2871



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**RISE**

<https://www.seeurise.org>  
402-999-8063