

Vermont Enhanced Driver License (EDL) Privacy Information

Only DMV employees who have passed a thorough background check have access to your personal information.

Data we are required to share with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for the purposes of border crossing is limited to: full name (first, middle, and last); date of birth; gender; citizenship; digital image (photograph); travel document type (e.g., EDL); issuing jurisdiction, expiration date; optical character read (OCR) identifier; and RFID tag numbers.

By law, we cannot share this information with anyone except in compliance with the Driver Privacy Protection Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 2721-2725.

PURPOSE: The primary purpose for soliciting the information is to denote citizenship, identity, and entitlement to issuance of a Vermont Enhanced Driver's License/Identification Card (EDL/ID). This information is shared with CBP for the purpose of verifying the document when a traveler presents his or her Vermont EDL when applying for admission to the United States at a land or sea port of entry. CBP's use, retention and sharing of EDL information is explained in the Privacy Impact Assessments (PIAs) and System of Records Notices (SORNs) prepared by CBP as part of Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) implementation. These include the WHTI Land and Sea Final Rule PIA, Use of Radio Frequency Identification Technology for Border Crossings PIA, and the Procedures for Processing Travel Documents at the Border PIA. These documents are available through the DHS Privacy Office and online in the Privacy Office section of the DHS website, www.dhs.gov.

CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION: With the exception of your Social Security Number, you are not legally required to provide the information requested on this form. However, failure to do so may result in DMV's refusal to accept your application or result in the denial of a Vermont EDL/ID.

RFID Statement

Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) is a wireless technology that stores and retrieves data remotely on devices. An RFID system typically includes an RFID tag with a microchip and antenna embedded in a card or other item, an RFID reader with an antenna, and a database. The Vermont EDL/ID is embedded with a passive RFID tag, which means it does not have a power source. DHS selected vicinity RFID technology for use in EDLs because it facilitates cross border travel by allowing documents to be read automatically, with minimal action by travelers as they drive toward the inspection booth at a land port. Vicinity RFID allows CBP officers to quickly read the advanced information on all travelers presenting RFID enabled cards, and allows for automated watch list queries. In addition, multiple cards can be read simultaneously with vicinity RFID, allowing an entire car of people to be processed at once.

The RFID tag embedded in your EDL/ID does not contain any personally identifiable information (PII), just a unique reference number that means something only to the secure CBP system. Tampering with, or deactivating the RFID tag will invalidate the EDL/ID for purposes of border crossing.

An RFID reader at the border crossing sends a signal to the tag in your card and collects the reference number so it can be matched to CBP's records to verify the information printed on the front of your card. Data encryption, secure networks, and firewalls protect the information while it is being retrieved from the database. Vicinity RFID tags can be read up to 30 feet from the reader. For added security, we will provide an RF-attenuating security sleeve to protect the RFID tag from being read when you are not using it for border crossing purposes.

Generally, if the RFID document is in a sleeve, held close to the body, or is blocked by anything composed of metal or water, it cannot be read. While such a risk of the RFID tag being read without your knowledge is minimal, education and the use of a security sleeve helps protect the traveling public from unauthorized reads.

We strongly recommend that you store the EDL in this sleeve to prevent it from being read without your knowledge.

In January 2008, DHS's Privacy Office published a privacy impact assessment on the use of RFID technology at the border. Please see www.dhs.gov for a copy of that document.

The use of RFID technology is but one part of the border crossing process. If you have concerns about using an RFID-enabled EDL, we encourage you to obtain a traditional passport to use as a cross-border travel document.

Other uses of social security numbers

The disclosure of your social security or federal identification number is mandatory, is solicited by the authority granted by 42 U.S.C. §405(c)(2)(C) and/or 666(a)(13) and will be used by the Department of Motor Vehicles in the administration of motor vehicle, tax and child support laws, to identify individuals affected by such laws.

Office of Child Support

The Department of Motor Vehicles shares information with the Vermont Office of Child Support. If you are certified to be in arrears of child support payments, you are ineligible to receive an EDL/ID. If this applies to you, DMV strongly recommends that you contact the Vermont Office of Child Support (800.786.3214) to make payment arrangements before applying for an EDL/ID.

DMV has no information concerning individuals' child support obligations. Please direct any questions to the Vermont Office of Child Support (800.786.3214).


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An EDL will only be delivered to the address provided on the application. If your mail is forwarded, or the address is otherwise identified by the US Postal Service as “undeliverable”, the EDL will be returned to DMV.

An EDL forwarded to an address outside of Vermont will be returned to DMV and turned over to our Investigative Unit. Any EDL returned to us and left unclaimed will be destroyed and the original application referred to our Investigative Unit.

An EDL may NOT be picked up in person. As part of the address verification it must be delivered to you by US Postal Service.

Please allow at least 2 weeks for delivery of your new Enhanced Drivers License/ID. If you have not received your new license within 20 days please contact us;

 802.828.2000

 DMV-EDL@state.vt.us

 dmv.vermont.gov

Per the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative,

Children: Beginning June 1, 2009, U.S. and Canadian citizens under the age of 16, or under the age of 19 traveling with a school, religious or other youth group, may present a birth certificate, consular report of birth abroad, naturalization certificate or Certificate of Canadian Citizenship. Birth certificate can be an original, photocopy or certified copy.

Cruise Ship Passengers: U.S. citizens on closed-loop cruises (cruises that begin and end at the same U.S. port) will be able to enter or depart the country with a birth certificate and government-issued photo ID. Please be aware that you may still be required to present a passport to enter the countries your cruise ship is visiting. Check with your cruise line to ensure you have the appropriate documents.

A temporary EDL will NOT be accepted for border crossing, please plan accordingly.