

Accessing IDs for Unaccompanied Youth

New Mexico Motor Vehicle Department (MVD) permits unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness to receive a non-compliant state ID or driver's license without a parent's signature. Below are the instructions to receive a [non-compliant Standard ID card](#) for unaccompanied youth who lack two proofs of New Mexico residency.

NOTE: Non-Compliant IDs can protect you from identity theft and can be used to prove your identity. You can use this ID to board a domestic flight until May 2, 2023. After May 3, 2023, you will only be able to fly if you have a REAL ID. REAL IDs are like a non-compliant ID but have stricter requirements in proving your identity. A REAL ID will be needed to board domestic flights and access certain federal facilities after May 3, 2023.

- 1) Gather one proof of [identity with name and date of birth](#). This can be a [birth certificate](#). New Mexico law at NMAC 24-14-28(A)(7) permits unaccompanied youth to request their own birth certificate from Vital Records without requiring a signature from an adult and waives the \$10 fee.
- 2) If the youth lacks two proofs of New Mexico residency, the youth and the McKinney-Vento liaison or another school employee may help the youth complete the Affidavit of New Mexico Residency, [MVD Form 10020](#).
 - a. Have the youth fill out the first section of the form, Applicant Information.
 - b. The school staff member fills out the second part of the form, Representative Information.
 - c. The schools staff member then signs the form in the presence of a notary, who notarizes it. **Remember to wait to sign until in the presence of the notary!**
- 3) The youth brings the Affidavit of New Mexico Residency and proof of identity to an MVD field office and the office will issue the ID.
- 4) All field office staff have been trained that unaccompanied youth are able to use the MVD Form 10020 to apply for an ID and that a parent or guardian's signature is not required.
- 5) **NEED HELP?** For questions about homelessness or unaccompanied youth, contact Dana Malone, State Coordinator for Education of Homeless Children and Youth at PED, Dana.Malone@state.nm.us. For questions on MVD policy or if a youth runs into issues with a field office, contact Htet Gonzales, Deputy Director for Field Operations at Tax and Rev, Htet.Gonzales@state.nm.us.

NOTE: The MVD states that applicants for a non-compliant DL or ID card who are homeless or in temporary lodging and unable to provide two proofs of residency may provide an affidavit or notarized letter from a representative of a New Mexico governmental entity, not profit organization, assisted care facility/home, adult assisted living facility/home, homeless shelter, transitional service provider, or group/halfway house certifying to the address where the applicant resides or receives services in lieu of the requirements listed for proof of residency [here](#).