
MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF MARYLAND MOBILE IDENTIFICATION CARDS
AND MOBILE DRIVER LICENSES

DATE: AUGUST 11, 2026

Maryland Mobile Identification (ID) Cards and Mobile Driver Licenses are valid forms of identification under Maryland Transportation Article § 16-1002 and may be accepted by businesses and organizations for age and identity verification when using an authorized Mobile ID reader. Maryland Mobile ID is issued in full alignment with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 18013-5 standard, ensuring secure, privacy-preserving mobile driver's license (mDL) technology. Adherence to this standard enables seamless interoperability across states and jurisdictions that issue ISO-compliant mDLs, as well as any relying party that chooses to accept them. This standard-based approach ensures consistent, trusted issuance and verification, while giving individuals control over the personal information they share.

Acceptance of a Maryland Mobile ID requires the use of an authorized Mobile ID reader to securely verify the credential. Businesses and organizations that do not have an authorized Mobile ID reader may request a physical driver's license or identification card instead.

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration has developed a free app for verifying Maryland Mobile IDs as well as any mobile IDs issued in compliance with the ISO 18013-5 standard. Businesses may also use authorized, ISO-compliant third-party Mobile ID readers to securely verify Maryland Mobile IDs.

This memorandum clarifies that Maryland Mobile ID is a legally recognized form of identification and may be accepted by businesses and organizations that choose to implement Mobile ID verification. It does not require any business or organization to accept Maryland Mobile ID.

For more information about Maryland Mobile ID, including how to obtain one and how businesses may begin accepting them, please visit mva.maryland.gov/MDL.

Sincerely,



Christine Nizer
Administrator