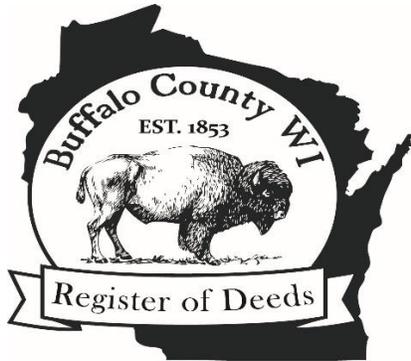


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### REAL ID DEADLINE NEARS

#### Buffalo County, Wisconsin, September 19, 2019

Beginning October 1, 2020, federal agencies, including the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), will only accept REAL ID compliant state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards as identification for purposes of accessing federal facilities, including TSA airport security checkpoints, federal government properties and military bases.

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) requires additional paperwork regarding proof of residency and Social Security Number when issuing the REAL ID driver's licenses and identification cards under the new act. You will be required to provide a *certified copy* of your Birth Certificate. For individuals who were married in the State of Wisconsin and have changed their name due to marriage, a certified copy of your marriage certificate is also required. Every state has a little different "official" record.

In Buffalo County, it is convenient for you to obtain certified copies of your birth and marriage records from the Register of Deeds office and visit the DMV to get your real ID at the same time. DMV is located in the courthouse on the fourth floor and open Monday and Wednesday.

Register of Deeds offices throughout the state can issue certified copies of birth certificates for anyone born in Wisconsin, no matter what county the birth occurred. The new process allows you to come to the Register of Deeds Office in Buffalo County, and in approximately 10-15 minutes you will be able to leave the office with a certified copy of your birth certificate.

If you are applying for a REAL ID compliant card and need a certified copy of your marriage certificate and your marriage took place in Wisconsin after June 2015, statewide issuance is available and can be issued in **Buffalo County**. *If the marriage occurred prior to June 2015, you will need to purchase the marriage certificate from the county in which you were married.*

Each person requesting a birth certificate or marriage certificate must fill out an application form and provide proper identification, such as a valid driver's license. The cost of a certified copy is \$20.

Register of Deeds office is open Monday through Friday 8:00AM – 4:30PM. If you have any questions please contact Carol Burmeister, Register of Deeds, phone 608-685-6230 or email [carol.burmeister@co.buffalo.wi.us](mailto:carol.burmeister@co.buffalo.wi.us).

If you are not in compliance with the REAL ID Act by October 1, 2020, you will need to show an alternative form of acceptable identification (Passport) for domestic air travel to board your flight and to enter federal buildings and military bases.