



Guide to obtaining ESSENTIAL DOCUMENTS

Previously had a PA State ID?

If your ID has expired, you are eligible for a FREE renewal!

- a) Obtain your ID number by contacting PennDot's customer service number: **717-412-5300**.
- b) Visit a PennDot office, inform them that you are experiencing homelessness, and apply for a new ID.

If you need a replacement (prior to the expiration date), PennDot's \$30.50 fee remains.

- a) It can be ordered online or in person; some local organizations may be able to help with the cost.

Never had a PA State ID?

Start with your Birth Certificate.

It's an essential first piece, and if you are currently unhoused, it's free. Ask your case worker or contact HAP at 215-523-9595 to begin the process.

*Philly's Vital Records (8th and Race) is open for appointments only.

Then go after your Social Security Card.

While you wait for your Birth Certificate, get your insurance card or a signed and verified copy of your school or medical record to prove your identity.

*Because SSA offices remain closed to the public, you will need to either: make an appointment to visit or mail to them your application and supporting documents.

You're nearly through!

Once you have your Birth Certificate and Social Security Card, the last item you'll need is official proof of your address. *With that piece, you have all of the documents required.*

Initial Photo IDs for anyone experiencing homelessness are FREE.

- 1) Visit PennDOT with your documents.
- 2) Complete the application (DL54B).
- 3) Inform the staff member who assists you that you are experiencing homelessness.

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