



# DHS PennDOT ID Program

PennDOT IDs for Individuals in  
Street Outreach and Shelter



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DHS has an agreement with PennDOT to pay for the cost of replacement IDs or driver's licenses for individuals who are enrolled in an emergency shelter or being served by a street outreach provider.

## Who is eligible to receive a free duplicate ID?

Individuals are eligible to use the DHS PennDOT fund if:

- They are currently in shelter or engaged with a street outreach program (either sheltered or unsheltered)
- They do not have a means to pay for a replacement ID\*

## Who can make referrals?

Referrals will be accepted from emergency shelters, the DHS Field Unit, Bridge to the Mountains, the ROOTs program, and AHN.

## How does it work?

- ✓ Shelter or street outreach staff who are working with an individual who cannot pay for a replacement ID or driver's license complete the [referral form](#).
- ✓ DHS forwards on the information to PennDOT.
- ✓ After 24 hours from the time of referral to PennDOT, the individual can present in person at the DMV to apply for the replacement ID or driver's license and the cost of the ID or license will be charged to the DHS account.
- ✓ The individual must present to the DMV within 30 days of the referral, or the referral will expire a new referral will be necessary.

## What should individuals who are referred bring to the DMV?

If an individual already has a previous PennDOT record, in most cases they will not need to provide documentation at the DMV. However, PennDOT highly recommends bringing all available documentation in the event that it is needed. Please refer to the required documents for [U.S. citizens](#) and [Non-United States citizens](#). The referral from DHS to PennDOT will serve as the proof of residency.

*\*PennDOT provides free initial IDs for individuals who are homeless. When DHS refers an individual to PennDOT to pay for a replacement ID, PennDOT will first confirm that the individual is not eligible for a free initial ID before charging the cost of the ID to the DHS account.*

If you have any questions about this program or the status of a referral, please reach out to [DHS-PennDOTReferrals@AlleghenyCounty.US](mailto:DHS-PennDOTReferrals@AlleghenyCounty.US).

