

# PROCESSING OHIO DRIVER LICENSE APPLICATION BMV5745 AS IT APPLIES TO CITIZENSHIP AND VOTER REGISTRATION

The BMV collects, Scans, Stores and documents required on BMV5745 upon registration. It collects the following information at the Local Level from EVERY applicant for DL or State issued ID pertaining to Citizenship. See (<https://ohiobmw.gov/doc-forms.aspx>). Form BMV5745 is electronically on file at the State BMV.

- Certified Copy of US Birth Certificate, US Passport, SSN from Social Security Administration issued card, Renewable
- Naturalization Documents such as “Green Card”, Certificate of Naturalization, Certificate of Citizenship, Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States (FS 240), Immigrant Visa. Currently CA and MD allow Green Card holders to vote in local elections. NON-Renewable
- Form 5745 has 2 different versions for REAL ID and Non compliant registrations
- Citizenship is NOT a requirement for obtaining a REAL ID or state issued ID.

All documents are electronically verified at the point of service using the following Federal Systems to validate authenticity for ALL Drivers License and State issued ID. The documents are verified along with legal name, DOB, SSN (if assigned), Citizenship and address. If any of these components fail, a denial of the application is issued and the applicant is notified. It may explain why it now takes 2 weeks to issue a new or replacement DL or ID. All renewals involving non citizen credentials must again provide current documentation below with the new application

- Passport from issuing country
- SS(A) Verification
- US Customs and Immigration (USCIS)
- S.O.L.V.E (which appears to be a method or standard of verification)

The BMV does NOT determine who is a qualified elector in the state of Ohio. That responsibility falls on the SoS.

- The BMV DOES ask the ID holder if they would like to register to vote or update their voter registration based on their citizenship status.
- Individuals who have demonstrated citizenship and have “opted in” for the information update have their information transmitted to the SoS on a nightly basis
- The Local BMV cannot override the system to ask the question of a non-citizen.
- In the case of a new application to register to vote, a hard copy is sent to the County BOE on a weekly basis.

**WHAT The BMV does NOT do pertaining to the Voter Registration or qualification of the elector:**

“Ohio Revised Code 4507.21(F) requires the BMV “To maintain accurate and current lists of the residents of each county who are eighteen years of age or older, have been issued, on and after January 1, 1984, driver's or commercial driver's licenses that are valid and current, and would be electors if they were registered to vote, regardless of whether they actually are registered to vote The lists shall contain the names, addresses, dates of birth, duration of residence in this state, citizenship status, and social security numbers, if the numbers are available, of the licensees, and may contain any other information that the registrar considers suitable.” In addition to driver license and identification card numbers, this information is transmitted to the SOS, regardless of whether they are citizen or not, in accordance with code. **What the SOS does with that data after the BMV transmits it to them is a question for the SOS.**

- Per HB 458 and beginning on April 7, 2023, individuals presenting credentials for DL transactions WILL have a designation on their physical credential that says “noncitizen”