

## HOW TO GET A NEW YORK ID

### Why should I get a New York ID?

- An ID, along with vaccine proof is required for many activities around the city
- So that you don't have to carry your passport with you and risk losing it
- Some places do not accept Pratt/Student IDs
- NY State/City ID is more widely recognized
- Perks associated with some cards (IDNYC)

### 3 ways to get a New York ID card:

- IDNYC
- New York State Non-Driver ID (NYS NDID)
- New York State Driver's License

Features	IDNYC	NYS NDID (Standard/Real)	New York State Driver's License
Can this be used to prove my identity in NYC?	✓	✓	✓
Is this recognised as an acceptable US Government ID?	✗	✓	✓
Can this be used to prove my age at a bar?	✗	✓	✓
Does this come with perks (i.e. museum memberships)?	✓	✗	✗
Can I drive/use the ID to rent a car?	✗	✗	✓
How much does it cost?	Free	\$9-\$13	\$\$\$

## A. [IDNYC](#)

### What is IDNYC?

*IDNYC is a free identification card for everyone living in New York - your immigration status does not matter. It provides access to a wide variety of services and programs offered by the city. IDNYC cardholders also enjoy benefits and discounts offered by businesses and cultural institutions across the five boroughs.*

### To qualify for an IDNYC, you must have:

- At least **4 points** of valid documents (*3 points to prove identity, 1 point to prove residency*)
  - At least 1 of the documents submitted must have a photo
  - At least 1 of the documents submitted must have your date of birth

Please make sure that all your documents are valid and not expired. In order to calculate how many **points** you have, please use this [IDNYC Document Calculator](#).

### Step 1: Schedule an [IDNYC appointment](#)

The available locations are located at this [link](#). The closest locations to Pratt are [Brooklyn Snap Center](#) and [Brooklyn Business Center](#). You may have to go to a different location based on your preferred time and availability as there is a limited number of appointments available due to COVID-19.

### Step 2: Fill in this [Application Form](#)

Print and fill out the [application form and instructions](#). Make sure that you have the necessary documents to qualify for a New York ID, using this [IDNYC Document Calculator](#).

### Step 3: Attend the appointment

Prepare and bring your necessary, original and valid documents to your appointment. Please show up to your appointment 10-15 minutes before.

### Step 4: Check your [application status](#).

## **B. NEW YORK STATE NON-DRIVER ID (STANDARD)**

### **What is a NON-DRIVER ID (NDID) card?**

*NDID is a NY State Non-Driver ID available for anyone with lawful status in the US of any age. You must apply at a [DMV office](#). They will give you a temporary non-photo document at the DMV office. Due to a greater than normal volume of renewals, there may be a delay in receipt of your permanent document. Your temporary document is valid for 60 days.*

### **Types of NYS NDIDs available**

*There are 3 types of NDIDs: Standard, Real, and Enhanced. The Real and Enhanced IDs allow you to board certain domestic flights without a passport. As an international student, you can only apply for the **Standard or Real NDID**.*

#### **Criteria for Standard NDID**

- US Social Security Card\*
- Proof of date of birth
- Proof of residency
- Six points of proof of name

#### **Criteria for a Real NDID**

- Proof of citizenship or lawful status
- Proof of social security number
- Two proof of residency
- Six points of proof of name

\*If you do not have a US Social Security Card you have to provide either:

#### **A. Social Security Ineligibility Letter**

1. Mail a photocopy of your passport and I-20 with a note stating that you are requesting an ineligibility letter to apply for an NYS non-driver ID to Social Security Office: 123 William Street, Third Floor, New York, NY 10038. OR
2. Call the Social Security Office at 866-657-3406 and provide your information (passport, I-20).
3. Make sure you provide your mailing address as the ineligibility letter will be mailed to you (processing time: 10-15 business days). You must apply for the non-driver ID within 30 days of obtaining this letter.

#### **B. Affidavit of never having been issued a Social Security Letter**

>> <https://dmv.ny.gov/sites/default/files/nss1a.pdf>

## **Step 1: Gather your documents**

Check that you have eligible and valid documents and points using the [Standard License and Permit Document Guide](#) or [Real and Enhanced ID Document Guide](#) or this [PDF](#).

## **Step 2: Schedule an appointment**

[Schedule an appointment](#) at your local DMV (the closest DMV to Pratt's campus is the [Kings \(Brooklyn\) DMV in the Atlantic Terminal Mall](#)).

## **Step 3: Bring the documents and money to pay for the NDID to your appointment**

Prepare and bring your necessary, original, and valid documents to your appointment. Please show up to your appointment 10-15 minutes before. Ensure you have enough money to make payment for your NDID.

### **C. [NEW YORK STATE DRIVER'S LICENCE](#)**

This is only if you are intending to get a car, or drive in the US. If you have an international driver's license, this may not be necessary. Driver's licenses from certain countries may also be recognized here.

If you are looking to get an ID Card just for identification purposes, we do not recommend this as it is the most time consuming and expensive option. More information can be found in the link below:

>>> **LINK:** <https://dmv.ny.gov/driver-licenses> <<<