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Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative

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*A New Way of Doing Business*



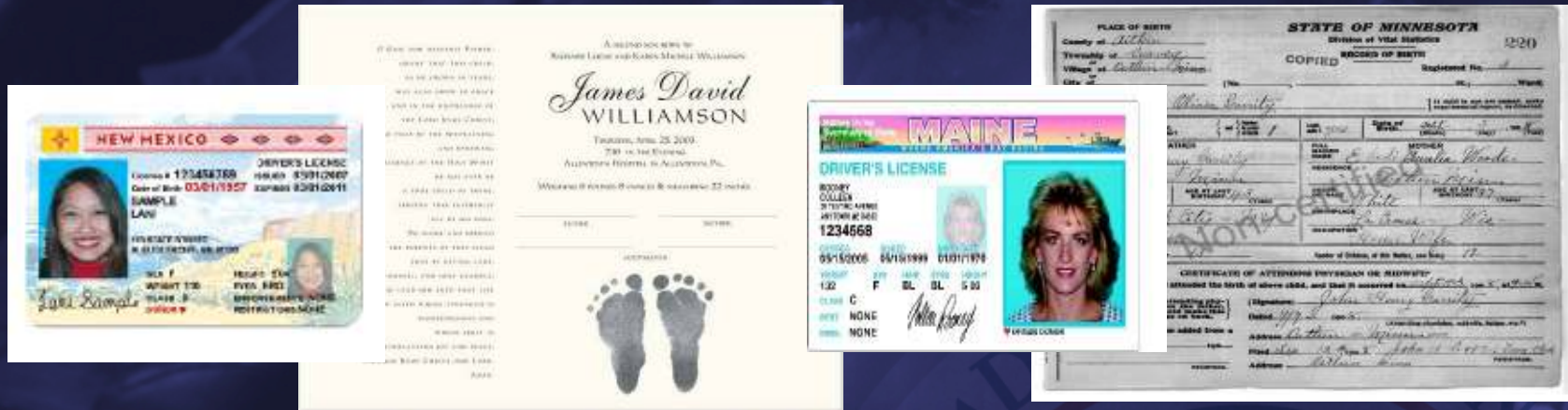
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The Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative  
will...

DECREASE WAIT TIMES  
SPEED UP PROCESSING  
ALLEVIATE CONGESTION  
ENHANCE SECURITY



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*WHTI addresses the vulnerabilities of multiple documents, which result in the challenge of verifying identity and citizenship. Secure, standardized documentation that provides proof of citizenship and identity will address these vulnerabilities and improve facilitation.*



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The challenge of verifying identity and citizenship -- Standardization will address these vulnerabilities and improve efficiencies, creating a more secure and efficient border.



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# Changes At The Border

## **Universal Document Requirement**

- Previously, Canadian and U.S. citizens were exempt from any document requirement at the land border.
- Beginning January 31, 2008, verbal declarations of citizenship alone were no longer accepted.
- WHTI compliant document or a government issued photo ID **and** proof of citizenship are presently required.
- Native American Tribal Card w/photo ID.
- *Birth Certificate for Children under Age 16 or Under Age 19 if traveling with group.*

## **WHTI Acceptable Documents on June 1, 2009**

- Passport, Passport Card, NEXUS, SENTRI, FAST
- I-551, Border Crossing Card, Merchant Mariner Document
- Military ID w/Orders
- Enhanced Driver's License and Enhanced Tribal Enrollment Cards



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## Next Generation Travel Documents

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The following documents are acceptable for entry into the United States by land or sea after traveling to Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean. The documents comply with the new travel requirements of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection highly recommends these documents for U.S. citizens. If you have questions, please visit [www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov)

**NEW!**



**U.S. Passport Card**

**Cost:** - Age 16 & Older - \$45  
- Under Age 16 - \$35  
- If requested with a new or renewed passport - \$20

**Validity:** - 10 years for adults  
- 5 years for minors

Issued by: U.S. Department of State  
**Limitations:** Not valid for international air travel  
Info: [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov)

**NEW!**



**Enhanced Driver's License**

**Cost:** - \$15 - \$20 over a regular license

**Validity:** - Validation will vary by state or province  
Issued by: Individual state or province  
**Limitations:** Not valid for air travel outside of the U.S.  
Info: Visit your state or provincial government website



**U.S. Passport**

**Cost:** - Age 16 & Older - \$100  
- Under Age 16 - \$85

**Validity:** - 10 years for adults  
- 5 years for minors

Issued by: U.S. Department of State  
Info: [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov)

May 2008



**NEXUS Card™**

New cards will be issued in Fall 2008  
\* Requires additional application processes, including an interview and fingerprinting.

**Trusted Traveler Program Membership**  
For pre-approved, low-risk travelers crossing the U.S./Canada border

**Added Benefits:** Access to dedicated commuter lanes on the northern border and expedited marine reporting; access to NEXUS kiosks at designated Canadian airports  
**Cost:** Application fee - \$50.00  
**Validity:** 5 years  
Issued by: U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
Info: Apply Online [www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov)



**SENTRI Card™**

New cards being issued May 2008  
\* Requires additional application processes, including an interview and fingerprinting.

**Trusted Traveler Program Membership**  
For pre-approved, low-risk travelers crossing the U.S./Mexico border

**Added Benefits:** Access to dedicated commuter lanes on the southern border  
**Cost:** Total cost - \$122.25  
**Validity:** 5 years  
Issued by: U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
Info: Apply Online [www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov)



**FAST Card™**

New cards will be issued in Fall 2008  
\* Requires additional application processes, including an interview and fingerprinting.

**Trusted Traveler Program Membership**  
For pre-approved, low-risk truck drivers crossing either the northern or southern border at dedicated lanes

**Added Benefits:** Access to dedicated lanes for commercial shipments on both the northern and southern borders  
**Cost:** Application fee - \$50.00  
**Validity:** 5 years  
Issued by: U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
Info: Apply Online [www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov)

As of June 1, 2008 U.S. & Canadian citizens under the age of 16 (or anyone under 16, if traveling with a school, religious, or other youth group) need only present a birth certificate, Canadian Report of Birth Abroad, Canadian Citizenship Card, or a naturalization certificate. Birth certificates can be an original, photocopy, or certified copy.

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# U.S. Passport Card - RFID



- Department of State began accepting applications for the Passport Card on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008
- Over 850,00 passport cards issued as of February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008.
- May not be used to travel by air
- First time applications will be \$45 for adults and \$35 for children. Card may be used as a passport renewal; cost is only \$20



# Alternative Document Update

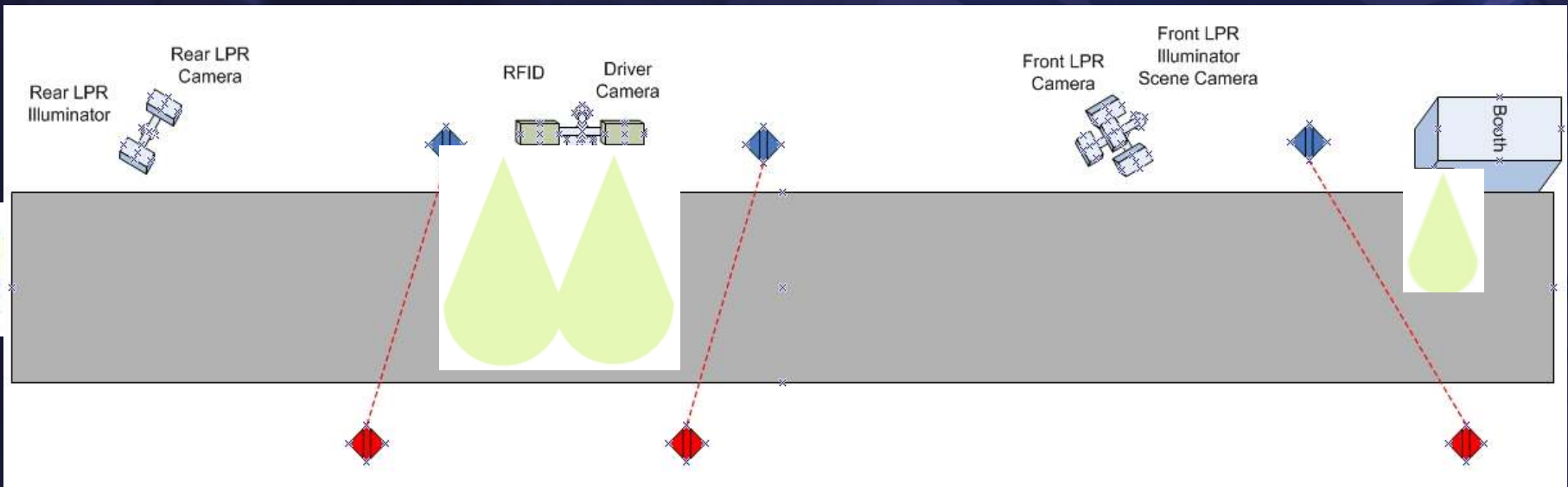


- Enhanced Driver Licenses (EDLs) contain
  - Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)
  - Machine Readable Zone (MRZ)
- Washington State first to issue an EDL
- New York State, Vermont, and Michigan are also issuing EDLs
- FY2009 – Arizona
- British Columbia, Manitoba, and Quebec programs underway
- FY2009 – Ontario
- Department of State issuing Passport Cards – lower cost alternative to Passport Book.
- Trusted Traveler Programs – NEXUS/FAST/SENTRI
- Enhanced Tribal Card – 4 Business Plans currently under review
- Lawful Permanent Resident Cards – New RFID-enabled



# Radio Frequency Identification

- Vicinity Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) provides a secure method to transmit and receive data from one point to another
- **No Personal Information Stored on the Card or Transmitted**
- Expedites cross border travel by pre-positioning traveler's information  
Eliminates manual data entry; automates law enforcement checks
- Documents issued in a secure process and contain vicinity RFID technology and an MRZ
- RFID infrastructure will be complete at top 39 Ports of Entry by June 1, 2009.



# 39 Ports



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# Questions?

