What is a Mobile or Digital Driver’s License (mDL or DDL)?

Digital
An mDL is a digitalized version of your driver’s license information on a mobile app with encrypted data.

Supplemental
An mDL is a convenient digital companion or secure backup to your plastic card – it does not replace it.

Enrollment
When mDL becomes available in your state, you can request it when you apply for a new license/ renewal or by downloading your state’s app and following the instructions.

Optional
You decide if you want to get an mDL and when you want to use it.

When could you use an mDL?

Present to
Law Enforcement
Present to
Private Service Providers (banks, mobile operators, insurance company, etc.)
Present to
Secure Access to Online Services
Present for
Age Verification

Benefits of an mDL

Convenient
Your phone is always with you. Everywhere your smartphone goes, your driver license goes too. In fact, people are more likely to notice they forgot their phone than their wallet.

Reduced fraud
It’s easy, fast and far more reliable to verify an mDL is valid – even for out-of-state credentials.

Easy to renew or revoke
The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMVs) can update the mDL remotely and send you timely alerts.

Increased privacy
Share only the personal information relevant to the situation you’re in.

Is it secure? How is privacy ensured?

• An mDL is far less susceptible to fraud than a typical physical driver’s license/ID. It’s protected by high-tech security features, cryptography and strong authentication not available on plastics.

• Thales mDL provides the highest level of security in credential storage, data transmission and verification. It meets national and international security standards, ensuring your personal details are always kept safe and sound.

• No geolocation tagging.

• No tracking of your device or mDL usage.

• Not accessible by third parties without your consent.

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What do I do if...

My phone battery is dead?
You won’t be able to display your mDL without having power on your device. Present your driver license/ID card or have the officer manually look you up.

I’m out of coverage!
Your driver license/identity data is encrypted and securely stored on your mDL app. It is always accessible and usable, no cell phone service needed, so you can prove your ID from wherever you are.

My phone is lost or stolen?
The mDL app cannot be accessed without your PIN or biometric authentication. It can be remotely deactivated and wiped almost instantly as soon as you report your phone lost or stolen.

I switch to a new device or operator?
Your mDL will work with virtually any smartphone and network provider. On a new device, download the app and reload your mDL once you’re authenticated.