

## **INFORMATION FROM JBLM ON ACCESS REQUIREMENTS**

Below is information that will potentially have significant impact on the ability of civilian personnel to access JBLM.

In 2005 the US Congress passed the REAL ID Act. This act directs states issuing photo ID to require that applicants present documentation to prove the following: their identity, birth date, legal status in the US, social security number, and the address of their principal residence. The REAL ID Act specifies that identity documents issued by states that fail to comply with the provisions of the REAL ID Act will not be accepted for unescorted entry to federal facilities.

At present there are five states that have failed to comply with the provisions of the REAL ID Act. Those states are: Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico and Washington.

For Washington State this applies to the standard Driver's License and the State ID Card.

Washington State (and Minnesota) both offer the option of requesting an Enhanced Driver's License (EDL) or an Enhanced ID Card (EID). Either of those documents would be acceptable for access. These personnel would still have to stop at a Visitor Center, be sponsored, undergo security vetting and obtain a pass. But, the EDL or EID would be a document we would accept as proof of their identity.

Department of the Army has now directed all installations to begin enforcing the provisions of the REAL ID Act. Obviously, this can present challenges for non-ID Cardholders living in this area who need to access the installation.

Effective 1 April 2016 JBLM will begin asking those personnel who do not have a REAL ID Act compliant identification document to present additional documentation to verify their identity. The list of additional documents that would be accepted is attached. This list will be available at our Visitor Center and will also be posted on the DES Webpage. Initially, individuals who can't provide the required documentation will still be granted access.

Effective 1 May 2016 JBLM will fully implement the provisions of the REAL ID Act. Persons who are unable to present a valid document will be denied unescorted access to JBLM.

Personnel operating a commercial vehicle who process at a Commercial Vehicle Gate, and are unable to present documents that comply with the REAL ID Act will not be processed for entry unless a DoD ID Cardholder reports to the gate to escort them onto JBLM.

Personnel who access the installation on a recurring basis have the option of enrolling in RAPIDGate. The RAPIDGate Badge is an acceptable document based on the security and background vetting conducted as part of the issuing process.

Reminder: Only those personnel with a DoD Issued ID Card are authorized to escort a non-ID Cardholder onto JBLM. "Escorted" means that the person being sponsored must be physically with their ID Cardholder escort.

Over the next couple of days we will begin informing individuals who process at our Visitor Center and at our Commercial Vehicle Gates of the requirements of the REAL ID Act.

As stated above, this policy change will not be fully implemented until 1 May 2016. This allows a minimum of 9 weeks for people to begin the process of obtaining an identity document that would be acceptable for unescorted access. It takes 2-3 weeks for individuals to obtain an Enhanced Driver's License in Washington State. Information on the process can be obtained through the Washington DOL website.

While you may have heard news reports that the Department of Homeland Security has directed the Transportation Security Administration to continue to accept the standard Washington State DL for airline travel until 2018, that extension does not apply to DoD installations.

Effective 1 March, information on REAL ID will be available on the DES Homepage at the following link:

[http://www.lewis-mcchord.army.mil/des/le\\_visitor.htm](http://www.lewis-mcchord.army.mil/des/le_visitor.htm)