How to get a Massachusetts state ID:

MA State ID's are different than a drivers license. These IDs are for MA residents that do not drive

To be eligible for a Mass ID one must be:

. At least 14 years old

. Without a valid license in MA or any other state

. A resident of MA

Steps to apply for a Mass ID:

1) Determine if you need a Real ID or a Standard ID.

 - A Real ID is valid for federal purposes while a Standard ID is not valid for federal purposes.

 - While they are both valid forms of identification, the Standard ID wouldn't be acceptable to board a plane, enter federal buildings, or any other federal purposes. However, it can potentially be processed online- which is not possible for a Real ID.

2) Whether you decide to get a Real ID or a Standard ID, start the application process online using this link which will take you to the RMV online service center: https://atlas-myrmv.massdot.state.ma.us/myrmv/_/#0

 - Select what you want to apply for under the section "Massachusetts IDs".

 - Even if you are applying for a Real ID, starting the application online will save you time when you have to arrive in person at the service center.

 - When you apply online you will save time by being fully prepared before going to your local RMV location, complete certain transactions, and find out what required documents you specifically need.

3) Documentation needed:

 - You will learn more about the specific documents you need once you apply online.

 - Your documents will need to prove your U.S. citizenship or lawful presence, social security number, and Massachusetts residency.

- Documents must be originals- photocopies and laminated documents will not be accepted.

- A document cannot be used to prove more than one requirement.

4) Links with further information:

- ID requirements and further information on documentation: https://www.mass.gov/guides/massachusetts-identification-id-requirements

- To make or cancel a reservation for your in-person appointment: https://atlas-myrmv.massdot.state.ma.us/myrmv/_/#1