

Virginia Driver's Licenses and Identification Cards Medical Indicators Expanded "JP's Law"

An applicant for a Virginia driver's license or identification card may request that one or more medical indicators be placed on their driver's license/ID card. The 2014 Virginia General Assembly amended §46.2-342 and §46.2-345 of the Code of Virginia to expand the list of medical indicators to include intellectual disability and autism spectrum disorder. These changes became effective July 1, 2014.

Wording of Law

§ 46.2-342. What license to contain; organ donor information; Uniform Donor Document

M. When requested by the applicant, and upon presentation of a signed statement by a licensed physician confirming the applicant's condition, the Department shall indicate on the applicant's driver's license that the applicant (i) is an insulin-dependent diabetic, (ii) is hearing or speech impaired, or (iii) has an intellectual disability, as defined in § 37.2-100, or autism spectrum disorder, as defined in § 38.2-3418.17.

§ 46.2-345. Issuance of special identification cards; fee; confidentiality; penalties.

A. On the application of any person who is a resident of the Commonwealth or the parent or legal guardian of any such person who is under the age of 15, the Department shall issue a special identification card to the person provided:

M. When requested by the applicant, and upon presentation of a signed statement by a licensed physician confirming the applicant's condition, the Department shall indicate on the applicant's special identification card that the applicant has any condition listed in subsection M of § 46.2-342

DMV

Previously, Virginia law allowed DMV customers to request a medical indicator of a hearing or speech impairment or a condition of insulin-dependent diabetes on their driver's licenses/ID cards. Effective July 1, 2014, drivers also may request that a designation of intellectual disability or autism spectrum disorder be placed on their drivers' licenses and ID cards. Applicants requesting one or more of these medical indicators on their credential must present a signed statement by a licensed physician confirming the applicant's condition.

Appearance of driver's license or identification card

DMV will place a restriction code of '9' on the front of the driver's license or ID card. The code is defined on the back of the license or ID card as "IntD" for intellectual disability and "ASD" for Autism Spectrum Disorder. This is consistent with the current DMV process for insulin dependent diabetics, speech impaired individuals, and hearing impaired individuals who request the application of special indicators on their credentials. This information will only display on VCIN and law enforcement transcripts.

JP's Law

JP's Law is the vision of Pam Mines, the parent of a son diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, and is named after him. Mrs. Mines wanted to "find a way to help law enforcement be more aware of an individual's diagnosis and they can better respond to their unique abilities and limitations." She worked with state Senator Donald McEachin and a group of local stakeholders and saw her vision become law in Virginia in 2014. Virginia is one of handful of states offering driver's licenses and ID cards with a code indicating autism.

Obtaining a Virginia Driver's License or Specialized ID Card with Medical Indicators

To voluntarily obtain a Virginia driver's license or a specialized ID card that indicates the holder has Autism Spectrum Disorder or an intellectual disability, you must present documents and pay a fee. Required documents may include:

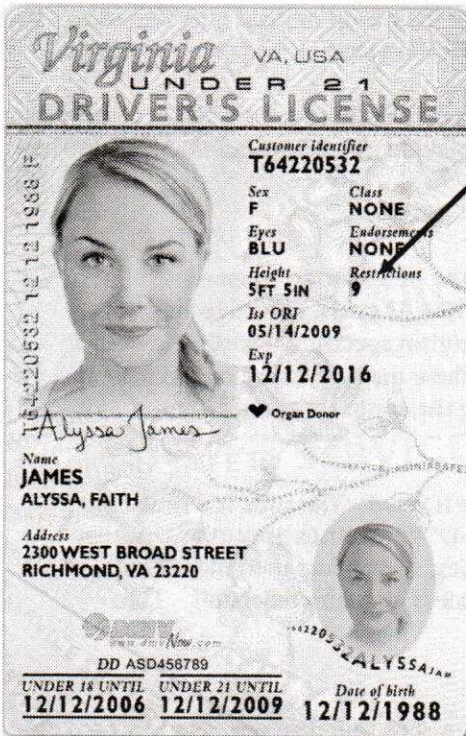
1. **Birth Certificate:** to prove identity and legal presence.
2. **Proof of Residency:** parents of minors may present their ID and proof of residency to certify their child's Virginia residency.

3. **Statement from a Physician:** indicating the individual applying for a Virginia driver's license or identification card has a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder or an Intellectual Disability.
4. **Social Security Number**
5. **Fee:** \$10 is the cost to get or have an existing ID reissued; \$20 is the cost to have a driver's license reissued with the new indicator.

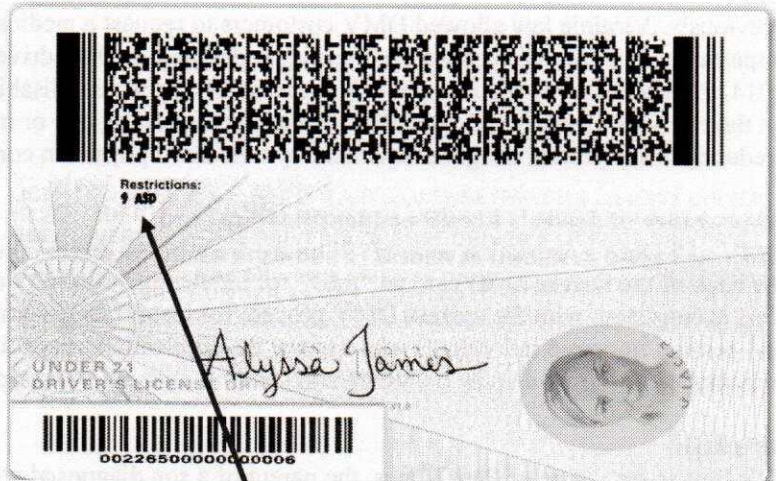
Check with your local DMV for details.

NOTE: If you are obtaining a driver's license for the first time, you must pass the standard driving tests before the medical indicator will be placed on your driver's license.

Sample Image – Under 21 Driver’s License



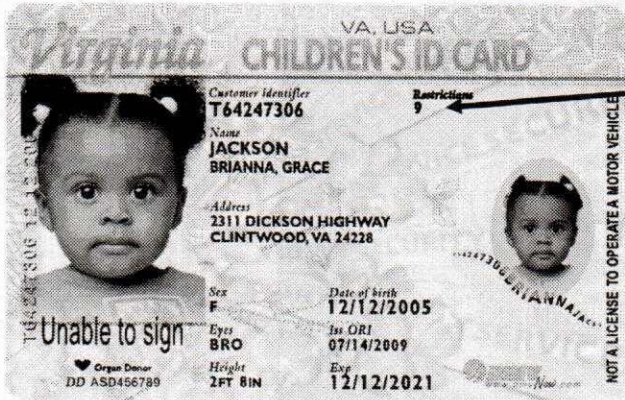
Restriction indicated with the number 9



Restriction 9 defined
 ASD – Autism Spectrum Disorder
 IntD- Intellectual Disability

Source: Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles 2014

Sample Image – Child Identification Card



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 IntD- Intellectual Disability



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