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DHS Publishes Real ID Final Rule

On December 29th, the Department of Homeland Security published a [final rule](#) regarding Real ID. This rule adjusts the date for federal agencies to only accept Real-ID compliant driver's licenses for federal purposes from December 1, 2014 to October 1, 2020. This deadline represents the date DHS will switch from enforcement based on state of issuance to enforcement based on individual cards. DHS revised the date to align with the agency's enforcement plan and allow them an opportunity to evaluate the effects of the various enforcement phases in that plan.

The language serves as an indication that the determinations on state compliance are becoming more clearly defined, and that while DHS will be moving forward in evaluating the phased enforcement schedule, states moving toward compliance will have until the new date to provide their constituency with the licenses and identification cards that have been deemed Real ID compliant.

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