



STATE-TO-STATE (S2S) VERIFICATION SERVICE

Description: The S2S Verification Service provides states a means to electronically check with all other participating states to determine if an applicant currently holds a driver license (DL) or identification (ID) card in another state. State participation in S2S is voluntary. Every state in the U.S. has a law restricting a person from holding more than one driver license. These laws have existed for many years, and states have relied historically upon an applicant’s self-attestation when signing the driver license application. Determining whether an applicant for a driver’s license or ID card is licensed in another state is an important part of securing identities. With no ability to verify information (beyond what an individual voluntarily offers), there has not been a mechanism to confirm a person’s identity and driving history. To remedy this, states built the State-to-State Verification Service (S2S) to verify that an applicant does not have a license in another state, and if so, to transfer the existing driving history to the new state of licensure.

S2S is also developing the ability to transmit out-of-state violation convictions back to the state of licensure for non-CDL drivers the same way CDLIS is doing for CDL drivers. This functionality is scheduled to be available by the end of 2020. The key business requirements satisfied by S2S include:

- *Limiting each person to one DL*—this enables each participating state to determine if an applicant holds a DL in another state
- *Providing information on all state issued DL/IDs nationwide*—this enables states to verify DL/ID cards presented as a form of identification
- *For states wanting to be compliant with REAL ID, limiting a person to one REAL ID card (whether DL or ID)*—this enables a state to determine if a person holds a REAL ID Driver License or Identification Card in another state

For further information and a list of participating states, see <http://www.aamva.org/State-to State>.

Architecture: The driver license data is maintained and owned by each individual state motor vehicle agency. The AAMVA pointer architecture enables a state to find out if a driver has a record in another state; this allows states to exchange information about the driver and/or convictions as necessary. S2S is a distributed system composed of the participating SDLAs’ driver license systems and a Central Site that serves as an index to indicate the Jurisdiction in which each individual is licensed. The Central Site contains the minimum information necessary (Name, DOB, and last five SSNs) to direct the query to the Jurisdiction of record. The Jurisdiction of record contains the full driver history for each of its drivers. S2S is a pointer system.

Operations: AAMVA has operated the S2S system, under a contract with the State of Mississippi, since July 2015.

Ownership: SDLAs own the data at the Central Site. Since March 2017, AAMVA has owned and operated S2S.

Authorized Users:

User	Access	Purpose
Jurisdictions	Yes	U.S. SDLAs participating in State-to-State have full access to the system and can query, add, modify and delete S2S Central Site information.
Federal Agencies	No	n/a
Third Parties	No	n/a
Public	No	n/a