



AIRPORT

Your guide to getting through the line faster

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You've mastered fitting all your toiletries into 3-ounce tubes, can untie your shoes with one hand while balancing your laptop in the other and know just how to stand in the full-body scanner. But now, there's another change coming to airport security.

Beginning on Jan. 22, 2018, the REAL ID Act, which relates to minimum security standards for driver's licenses and ID cards, will go into effect at airports. Currently, 25 states are in compliance with the requirements, while another 21 have been granted an extension until either June or October of this year. Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, and Montana are currently noncompliant and don't have extensions. Residents of states that are not compliant by Jan. 22 will need to present a passport, permanent residence card, enhanced driver's license or other TSA-approved form of identification besides a driver's license or ID card in order to fly domestically.

PORT SECURITY SMARTS

What else is new at the security line? Over the past several years, you've probably seen different programs pop up that help travelers get through security faster. Here's a rundown of what's available now:

>> TSA PreCheck <<

WHAT IT IS: Skip the hassle of removing your shoes, laptops, liquids, belts and light jackets when going through security.

WHERE IT'S AVAILABLE: 180-plus airports around the country; 30 airlines participate

COST: \$85 for a five-year membership

HOW TO APPLY: Apply online at tsa.gov/precheck. The second step is an in-person appointment that involves fingerprinting and a background check.

>> Global Entry <<

WHAT IT IS: Use an automated kiosk when coming back into the U.S. after traveling abroad. As part of the expedited entry, there's no paperwork or processing lines involved. You'll

also automatically get TSA PreCheck.

WHERE IT'S AVAILABLE: 59 airports

COST: \$100 nonrefundable application fee

HOW TO APPLY: Visit cbp.gov/travel to apply. If your application is conditionally approved, you'll schedule an in-person appointment at a Global Entry Enrollment Center. Bring your passport and another form of identification to the interview.

>> Clear <<

WHAT IT IS: Instead of having a TSA agent inspect your ID, Clear verifies your identity through biometrics (a fingerprint or eye scan). You'll bypass the line of people waiting to have their IDs checked and head straight to the security screening.

WHERE IT'S AVAILABLE: 21 airports in the U.S.

COST: Standard membership is \$179 a year. Add one family member for \$50; kids are free.

HOW TO APPLY: Apply online at clearme.com. Then, visit one of the locations with an ID (no appointment necessary) to complete the enrollment process. 