



*From the Erie County Clerk*  
**Kathy Hochul**



***WHAT IS AN EDL?***

It is an optional travel document that also serves as a NYS Driver's License that will be accepted as an alternative to a passport for all land and sea travel between the United States, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean. EDL is valid for Eight Years, same as NYS Regular Driver License.

***WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR AN EDL?***

Only applicants who can provide proof of identity, NYS Residency and US Citizenship. EDL's will also be available for those who qualify for a CDL or motorcycle license. Enhanced Non-Driver ID Cards will be offered as well.

***WHEN DO I NEED AN EDL?***

It is *not* required until June of 2009 when the US Dept. of Homeland Security requires either a passport, EDL or NEXUS Card for travel. Until then, your birth certificate and photo ID suffice for re-entry into the U.S.

***WILL THE EDL BE ALLOWED FOR DOMESTIC AIR TRAVEL?***

**Yes**, for **domestic air travel** within the U.S., an EDL, a regular driver license or a non-driver photo ID card are all acceptable as proof of identity for boarding.

***WHAT IS THE COST OF AN EDL?***

\$30 **Plus** the prorated cost of your license renewal = \$80 *maximum*  
(Click EDL icon on [www.erie.gov/clerk](http://www.erie.gov/clerk) to calculate your exact fee)

***DOES THE EDL LOOK DIFFERENT FROM THE CURRENT LICENSE?***

It will look like your NYS Driver's License; however it is thicker because there is a chip installed within it. This chip will provide a coded number to the border agents. No personal identifying information would be available through this card. To indicate citizenship, a US flag icon will be on the face of the card.

***HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO RECEIVE AN EDL DOCUMENT?***

The NYS DMV estimates that it will take approximately two weeks from the date your application is processed for you to receive your license in the mail. You will leave the Auto Bureau with a temporary license that will suffice until your new license arrives.

***WHAT DO CHILDREN NEED FOR TRAVEL?***

Children under the age of 16 will continue to need to present proof of citizenship, such as a birth certificate for land and sea travel. An EDL is not required. For Children between the age of 16-17 - see: [http://www.getyouhome.gov/html/lang\\_eng/eng\\_sa.html](http://www.getyouhome.gov/html/lang_eng/eng_sa.html)

***ARE THERE OTHER OPTIONS FOR TRAVEL?***

Yes. A U.S. Passport which costs \$100.00 and is good for 10 years (for land, sea and air travel). Also, the Nexus Card is available for \$50.00 which is good for 5 years after a background check/interview. (land & sea only). You may apply for a passport through the Erie County Clerk's Office at 92 Franklin St., in Buffalo.

## NYS Required Proofs for EDL

**Needed to Apply** DMV Form MV-44.1.e

### **Proof of Citizenship (Must present ONE of these) And...**

- ◆ Valid US Passport
- ◆ Original or Certified copy of US Birth Certificate *(Not a Hospital Cert.)*
- ◆ Original Certificate of Naturalization
- ◆ Original Certificate of Citizenship
- ◆ Original DOS Consular report of birth abroad

### **Proof of Identity**

Must present existing New York State Driver's License or 6 Points of Identity **And...**

**Social Security** Social Security Card **And...**  
*(a pay stub with SS number or W2 form will also be accepted.)*

### **Proof of NYS Residency (Must present TWO of these Original proofs)**

- ◆ Utility bill with name and address of applicant issued within 120 days  
eg: telephone, electric, water *(note: you may not use two of the same types of proof -eg :2 utility bills)*
- ◆ Original Credit Card statement on letterhead issued within 120 days
- ◆ Bank statement issued within the last 120 days
- ◆ Voter Registration Notification Card issued within one year
- ◆ Property Deed
- ◆ Proof of Current Mortgage or Residential Lease issued within one year
- ◆ Property or School Tax Bills or Receipts (for the current year). Must reflect current address both on mailing portion and portion stating what property is being taxed.
- ◆ Federal or New York State Income Tax W-2 (with SSN) issued within one year
- ◆ Annual Social Security Statement for the current year
- ◆ Selective Service Card
- ◆ Jury Duty Notice issued within one year
- ◆ Current Proof of Homeowners/Renters insurance (Policy, Proof of Claim)
- ◆ NYS Pistol Permit
- ◆ NYS Professional License
- ◆ NY Certificate of Title
- ◆ Photo College ID with Transcript issued within one year
- ◆ Report Card with Photo ID
- ◆ Current Proof of Health Insurance coverage (with address pre-printed)
- ◆ Federal or NYS Income Tax or Earning Statement (1099, 1098)
- ◆ Unemployment Benefit Statement issued within one year
- ◆ Welfare Benefit Statement
- ◆ SSI Award Statement
- ◆ Assisted Living or Nursing Home Statement
- ◆ Retirement Statement
- ◆ Military Orders that are still in effect
- ◆ Cancelled Check (with preprinted name and address) issued within 120 days
- ◆ Computer Printed Pay Stub (with name and address) issued within 120 days
- ◆ Life Insurance Policy or Current Statement issued within 120 days with address



**Erie County  
Auto Bureau Offices**  
**Kathleen C. Hochul**  
Erie County Clerk



**Please visit one of our  
Main Enhanced License Processing Sites**

- Buffalo: Downtown**  
*New Location* **Rath Building -95 Franklin**  
**Enter at 170 Pearl Street**  
Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
- Cheektowaga: Urbandale Plaza**  
**2122 George Urban Blvd. (at Dick Road)**
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| Monday    | Closed                  |
| Tuesday   | 10:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. |
| Wednesday | 11:00 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. |
| Thursday  | 10:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. |
| Friday    | 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.  |
| Saturday  | 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  |

**Northtown- Satellite Offices**

- Eastern Hills Mall**  
4545 Transit Rd., Williamsville  
**Enter at Cinema (rear of mall)**  
Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- City of Tonawanda**  
City Hall, 200 Niagara St  
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
- Town of Tonawanda**  
Sheridan Parkside Center, Rm 117  
169 Sheridan Parkside  
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Southtown- Satellite Offices**

- ECC South**  
Bldg. 7 4041 Southwestern Blvd  
Orchard Park **-Enter from Big Tree Rd**  
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Town of Evans**  
Evans Town Hall, 8787 Erie Rd. (Rt.5)  
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri. 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.  
Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

**Note: Due to space limitations  
EDL's are not available at our  
weekly Mobile Locations**

**Helpful information on the internet:**

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| NYS DMV                        | <a href="http://www.nysdmv.com">www.nysdmv.com</a>                 |
| Erie County Clerk's Office     | <a href="http://www.erie.gov/clerk">www.erie.gov/clerk</a>         |
| Social Security Online         | <a href="http://www.socialsecurity.gov">www.socialsecurity.gov</a> |
| US Passports                   | <a href="http://www.travel.state.gov">www.travel.state.gov</a>     |
| Citizenship and Naturalization | <a href="http://www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a>                   |