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## **Younger travellers now eligible for photo ID cards**

*Edmonton...* Albertans age 12 and older planning to travel by air can now obtain a government-issued photo identification card from the province's registry agents.

Under new Transport Canada rules, effective September 18, 2007, all airline passengers travelling within Canada who appear to be 12 years of age or older must show one piece of government-issued photo identification or two pieces of government-issued non-photo identification. At least one piece of identification must show the individual's name, date of birth and gender.

"Expanding the ID card to 12- and 13-year-olds will make it easier for Alberta families to travel safely inside the country and around the world," said Lloyd Snelgrove, Minister of Service Alberta, responsible for Alberta's registry systems. Parents are reminded that government-issued identification cards are favourite targets for identity thieves. ID cards and other important documents (passport, birth certificate and Social Insurance Number card) should be treated with extreme care and carried only when absolutely necessary.

A photo ID card can be obtained at any Alberta registry agent office and is available to an individual who does not hold a valid Alberta operator's licence. To find the nearest registry agent, visit [www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca/ra/ran.cfm](http://www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca/ra/ran.cfm).

For more information, please visit [www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca/driverslicence/documents.html](http://www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca/driverslicence/documents.html).

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**Attachment:** Backgrounder on fees, application process and security features of the photo ID card.

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## Government-issued photo identification card

### Applicants under 18

- Parent or guardian must be present to provide written consent for the applicant to obtain the identification card.
- The applicant must present acceptable identification such as a birth certificate.

### Fees and Processing

- The fee for the identification card is \$6 per year plus the registry agent fee. A two-year card for a 12year-old, for example, costs \$12 plus a maximum registry agent fee of \$7.

Card	Government Fee	Maximum Registry Agent Fee	Total
1 year	\$6	\$6	\$12
2 years	\$12	\$7	\$19
3 years	\$18	\$8	\$26
4 years	\$24	\$9	\$33
5 years	\$30	\$9	\$39

- The fee for issuing a duplicate card or reissuing an identification card is \$22.
- The applicant will receive their card in the mail in 10 days.

### Security features

The identification card has the same security features as the Alberta driver's licence. The security features are similar to those used in the production of passports, currency and postage stamps to ensure the card is an effective deterrent against identity fraud. Some security features include:

- Laser engraving to embed information in the card so it cannot be removed or altered without damage to the card.
- Anti-copy ink colours that are difficult to match.
- Clear laser engraving on back of card that is difficult to reproduce.
- High definition photo with soft edges for obvious recognition of a substituted photo.

For a complete list of security features, visit

[www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca/driverslicence/features\\_flash.html](http://www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca/driverslicence/features_flash.html)

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