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**TO:** All University Faculty, Staff and Administrators

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**RE:** REAL ID

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The REAL ID Act was passed by Congress to require states to issue identification that meets higher security standards. States are incorporating the REAL ID requirements into state-issued driver licenses and identification cards. Beginning in October 2020, REAL IDs will be adequate identification for air travel and for access to many federal facilities. A “regular” driver license alone will not be sufficient for identification purposes for air travel starting October 2020.

THE NC DOT is now issuing REAL IDs. You can change to the REAL ID when you renew your driver license or you may replace your current license with a REAL ID. Please note that if you are not within six months of your renewal date, there is a \$13 fee. However, you must physically go to a driver’s license office and show several forms of ID in order to receive a REAL ID; you cannot get a REAL ID through the NC DOT online license renewal system.

Follow the links below for additional information and clarification on forms that will be required.

[REAL ID Brochure](#)

[REAL ID FAQ](#)