



How to Apply for an IDNYC Card to Receive Benefits in NYC

What is IDNYC?

→ IDNYC is a free local ID for all New Yorkers that provides:

- ◆ government photo identification,
- ◆ access to New York Public Libraries,
- ◆ discounts for health and wellness centers, and
- ◆ free memberships to many places throughout New York City.

→ Because this card can be used as government photo identification, you can use your IDNYC card to enter all NYC buildings, to access NYC services, to apply for jobs with a proof of work authorization, to present to law enforcement, and to open a bank account at select [financial institutions](#).

Where can I receive free memberships with my IDNYC card?

● You can receive free one-year memberships or discounted tickets at the following places in 2023:

- American Museum of Natural History
- BRIC
- Bronx County Historical Society
- BAM (Brooklyn Academy of Music)
- Brooklyn Children's Museum
- Carnegie Hall
- Central Park Zoo (enrollment is only available at the Bronx Zoo)
- China Institute
- The Drawing Center
- Film Forum
- Flushing Town Hall
- The Juilliard School
- King Manor
- Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts
- Metropolitan Museum of Art
- MoMA PS1
- Metropolitan Opera
- El Museo del Barrio
- Museum at Eldridge Street
- Museum of Jewish Heritage
- Museum of Modern Art
- Museum of the City of New York
- National Sawdust
- New York Aquarium (enrollment is only available at the Bronx Zoo)
- New York City Ballet
- New York City Center

- Pregones/Puerto Rican Traveling Theater
- Prospect Park Zoo (enrollment is only available at the Bronx Zoo)
- Public Theater
- Queens Museum
- Queens Zoo (enrollment is only available at the Bronx Zoo)
- The Shed
- Staten Island Children's Museum
- Staten Island Museum
- Studio Museum in Harlem
- Wildlife Conservation Society at the Bronx Zoo
- Please see the following website for more details:
<https://www.nyc.gov/site/idnyc/benefits/museums-and-cultural-institutions.page>

Who can sign up for an IDNYC card?

- New York City residents who are 10 years or older, regardless of immigration status or involvement with the criminal justice system

Where do I sign up for an IDNYC card?

- You can sign up at several locations called “Enrollment Centers” throughout every borough of the city
- You must make an appointment BEFORE you go to an enrollment center. You can make an appointment through the [IDNYC website](#) or by calling 311.
- Applications will be available in 35 languages.
- All permanent IDNYC Enrollment Centers are accessible to people with disabilities.

What are the hours for IDNYC Enrollment Center appointments?

- In general, appointments are available during the following times:
 - ◆ Monday – Thursday: 9AM – 5PM
 - ◆ Friday: 10AM – 6PM
 - ◆ Saturday & Sunday: Closed

How long will the appointment take to sign up for an IDNYC card?

- Approximately 20 minutes

When signing up for an IDNYC card, what documents will I need?

- You must prove your identity and residency in NYC.
- To prove your identity, you may provide documents, such as:
 - ◆ U.S. or foreign passports,
 - ◆ U.S. or foreign driver licenses,
 - ◆ U.S. or foreign birth certificates,
 - ◆ green cards,
 - ◆ consular identification cards,
 - ◆ individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) authorization letters,
 - ◆ electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards, and/or
 - ◆ school identification cards.
- To prove your residency in NYC, you may provide documents, such as:
 - ◆ a New York State driver license with a current address,
 - ◆ a utility bill,
 - ◆ a current lease,
 - ◆ a recent bank account statement, and/or

- ◆ a letter from a homeless shelter or City agency.
- Applicants must provide [three \(3\) points for proof of identity and one \(1\) point for proof of residency](#).
- All of your original documents will be returned to you and will not be kept.

After I signed up for an IDNYC card, how do I receive the card?

- You can receive your card by mail to your home. You can also receive your card by picking up your card from a specific location. You may choose either option.
- You can check the application status of your IDNYC card through the [IDNYC Online Portal](#).

I received my IDNYC card. Do I have to renew it?

- Yes, you must renew your IDNYC card by the renewal date that is printed on the front of your card to continue using the benefits from the card.
- You may renew your card up to 90 days before and up to 1 year after the expiration date that is listed on your card.
 - ◆ If your card expired more than 1 year ago, you must apply for a new IDNYC card.

How do I renew my IDNYC?

- You can renew your card online or in person at an Enrollment Center.
 - ◆ To renew your card online, please visit the [IDNYC Online Portal](#).
 - ◆ To renew your card in person, please visit an Enrollment Center. You can make an appointment to renew in person through the [IDNYC website](#) or by calling 311.

What can my IDNYC card not be used for?

- Your IDNYC card cannot be used to:
 - ◆ permit you to drive or as proof of identity to obtain a driver license,
 - ◆ permit you to purchase alcohol or tobacco, receive public assistance benefits or travel on an airplane,
 - ◆ provide immigration status or work authorization, and
 - ◆ enter all military bases (some bases do not accept the IDNYC card).
- If you would like to use your IDNYC card at a non-NYC or private business or location that is not listed on the [IDNYC Benefits website](#), please contact the business or location to ask if they accept IDNYC cards as identification.

Sources:

- <https://www.nypl.org/help/community-outreach/idnyc>
- <https://www.nyc.gov/site/idnyc/card/renew-your-idnyc-card.page>
- <https://a069-idnyonlineportal.nyc.gov/IOPWeb/#/>
- <https://www.nyc.gov/site/idnyc/card/documentation.page>
- <https://www.nyc.gov/site/idnyc/benefits/museums-and-cultural-institutions.page>
- <https://www.nyc.gov/site/idnyc/frequently-asked-questions/frequently-asked-questions.page#as>