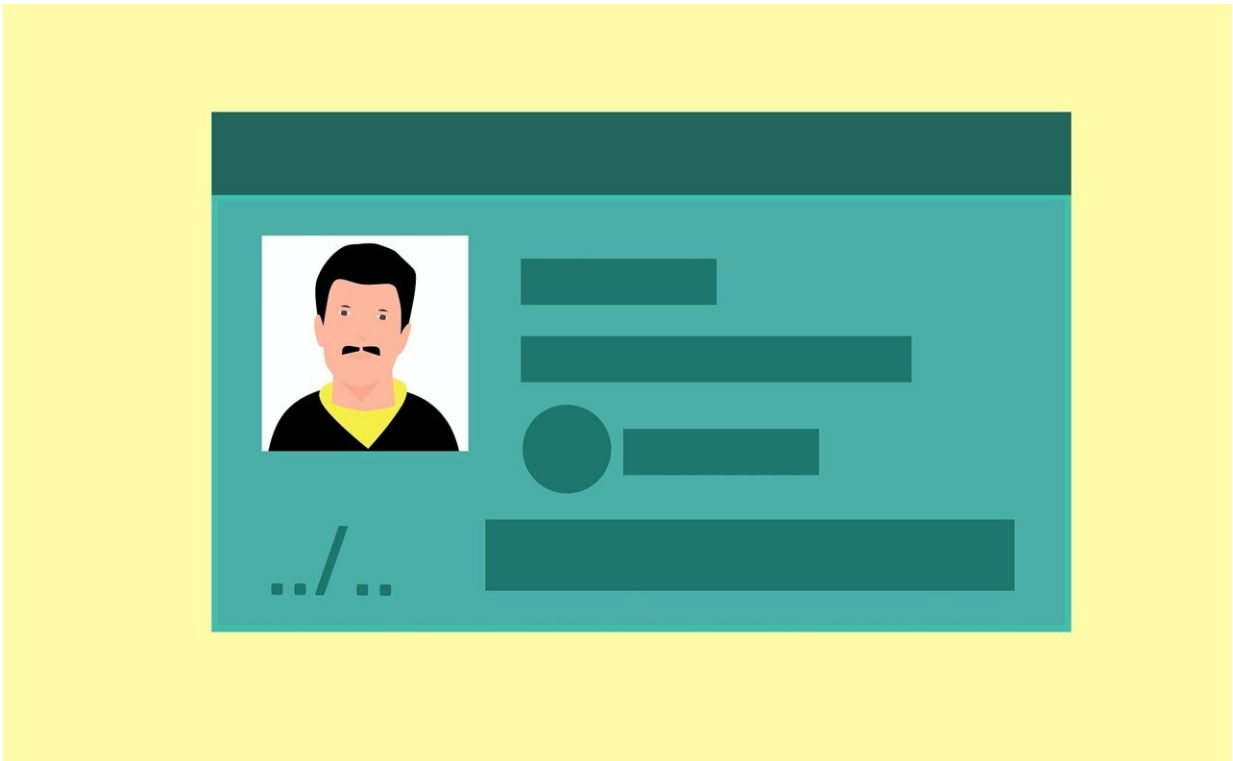


Driver's licenses on iPhones: Apple launches Wallet feature in Arizona

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People with an Arizona driver's license or state identification card can now add a digital version on their iPhone.

Apple announced Wednesday Arizona is the first state to offer residents

the option to add their licenses or IDs directly to the Wallet app.

Travelers will then be able to present those digital IDs at select Transportation Security Administration checkpoints at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport.

"We look forward to working with many more states and the TSA to bring IDs in Wallet to users across the U.S.," said Jennifer Bailey, Apple's vice president of Apple Pay and Apple Wallet, in a statement.

Colorado, Hawaii, Mississippi, Ohio and Puerto Rico will also join the list of states that support the ID feature for the Wallet app, said Apple. Last September, the company announced Connecticut, Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Oklahoma and Utah would also allow the digital IDs.

The feature is support on the iPhone 8 and later devices, as well as the Apple Watch 4 and later.

How to add driver's license to iPhone

The process starts with iPhone owners tapping the plus button on the Wallet app, then selecting "Driver's License or State ID."

Users will then take a selfie along with pictures of the front and back of their physical ID card, followed by a scan of facial and head movements to verify identity.

The state will then receive the selfie, images of the ID and an analysis by Apple confirming the user's identity. Once approved, iPhone owners will receive a confirmation the digital ID is ready to use.

The Wallet ID will then work at various TSA checkpoints by tapping an

iPhone or Apple Watch to a digital scanner.

Apple says data presented in the process is encrypted and sent directly between the device and the digital reader.

The feature was originally scheduled to launch last year, but had been delayed to early 2022.

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