B.C. government-issued credentials

Driver's licences, Identification cards, and Services cards

In February 2022, ICBC will be introducing subtle changes to the design of all Driver's Licences (including the combination Driver's Licence and Services Card), Identification Cards, and Services Cards. The Enhanced Driver's Licence and Enhanced Identification Card will not change as the program has been discontinued and remaining cards will be in circulation until their normal expiry. Older styles of all cards issued from 2017 to January 2022 will continue in circulation until their expiry date.

Issued as of February 2022

Driver's Licence



Identity Card



Learner Driver's Licence



Driver's Licence/BC Services Card*



* Novice and Learner's combined with BC Services Card are also in circulation.

Novice Driver's Licence



BC Services Card



Issued as of February 2020

Driver's Licence



Identity Card



Learner Driver's Licence



Driver's Licence/BC Services Card*



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Novice Driver's Licence



BC Services Card



Issued as of February 2017

Driver's Licence



Driver's Licence/BC Services Card*



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Photo BC Services Card



BC Services Card (non-photo) as of February 2020



BC Services Card (non-photo) as February of 2022





Help stop fraud by confirming cardholders' identity, using common sense:

- Make sure the person presenting the card is the person pictured on the card. Do the descriptions — eye/hair colour, height and weight — match?
- If you remain unsure, tactfully ask a few questions about information on the card, such as birth date, age and address.
- Make sure other information presented to you is consistent with that printed on the card.
- If you collect a signature from the cardholder, compare it with that on the card. Was there any hesitation in signing?
- Be familiar with the look and feel of genuine cards.

SECURITY FEATURES	
Card stock	Polycarbonate, with etching and a matte finish. The card will produce a metallic "tinny" sound when dropped on a hard surface. Issued as of February 2022: Cards don't make the "tinny' sound and are gloss, not matte.
Cardholder's photo	Black and white (grey scale) picture on front left of card. Secondary "ghosted" picture on the right shows card holders picture and year of birth that shifts when tilted. Issued February 2020 – February 2022: Also has BC flag overlapping lower left corner of secondary picture. Issued as of February 2022: Secondary picture contains full date of birth and signature. Enhanced Driver's Licence/Enhanced ID card: The secondary picture/year of birth will not shift when tilted.
Date of birth	Full date of birth below the card number on the right. The year of birth is also overlaid on the secondary picture and shifts when tilted. Issued as of February 2022: The secondary picture contains the full date of birth and shifts when tilted. Year of birth is on the back of card above animal image. Enhanced Driver's Licence/Enhanced ID card: The secondary picture/year of birth will not shift when tilted.
Name	Last name is on the first line and given names are below on a second line. Names are etched to be raised and can be felt by rubbing your finger over them.
Signature	Is etched, raised and overlaid on primary cardholder picture and can be felt by rubbing your finger over it. Issued February 2020 – February 2022: Line of microprint below signature. Issued as of February 2022: The secondary picture includes the signature and shifts when tilted.
Microprinting	Microprinting and rainbow printing on both sides of card. Background design overlaid on edges of main card holder picture.
Description	Gender, eye colour, hair colour, weight and height listed on front of card.
Driver's licence restrictions and endorsements	Restrictions and endorsement codes listed on the front of the card and described on the back of card.
Background pictures	Driver's licence and BC Services cards: Provincial flag. Enhanced driver's licence: Steeples mountain range in the East Kootenays. BCID and Enhanced ID: Orca whale.
Barcodes and magstripe	On the back of the card there's a magstripe at the top and a 2D barcode at the bottom which holds the same information as shown on the card. The vertical 1D barcode on the right is the card serial number. BC Services Card & Combo DL/BC Services card: Magstripe includes the personal health number (in track 3, field 13). The number is also printed on the back and included in the 2D barcode. Enhanced Driver's Licence/Enhanced ID card: Includes an ID barcode under the magstripe; there is no 2D barcode. The lower third of the card contains a 3 line Machine Readable Zone (MRZ) similar to a passport.
BC wildlife	Issued February 2020 – February 2022: Has a black graphic of an animal on the back with card holders year of birth above and signature below. DL and combo cards show a bear; BCID shows a bluejay; BC Services card shows an orca. Issued as of February 2022: The animal graphic is blue/gold colour depending on angle of view.
Under 19 indicator	Indicator displayed under signature ONLY on cards of those under 19 at time of issuance. Attempts to alter this will be noticeable.
Hologam/Kinogram	Issued February 2013 – February 2020: On the back of the card and includes BC crest, orcas, and the words "British Columbia". These will appear in various colours as the card is tilted. The Enhanced cards hologram is slightly smaller and contains a wavy etched feature.

Enhanced Driver's Licence — Front



Enhanced Identity Card — Front



Forged or altered card? If you see a card that appears to be altered or forged, please note as much information as possible (e.g., name, card ID number, description of cardholder) and report it to ICBC TIPS line at 604-661-6844 (lower mainland) or 1-800-661-6844 (elsewhere in BC, Canada and the US). Information is confidential and callers can remain anonymous.

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