



# Photo card fact sheet

To provide the Western Australian community with an additional secure form of photographic identification, a photo card became available from 1 July 2014. The photo card has the same level of integrity as a driver's licence and will be recognised by the Department of Transport as a form of primary identification.

It's a voluntary card that will assist people who do not hold a driver's licence or passport to conveniently prove their identity. The photo card will be available to people aged 16 years and older and be valid for five years. Card-holders will have the option of including their address on the card, and can choose to have two cards – one showing their address and one without it.

## CARD FEATURES

The security features will be equal to those required under current international best practice standards. The security features include:

- specialised and latest technology background printing methods;
- sophisticated graphic design elements, including guilloche patterns;
- deep laser printing of personalised information;
- holder's date of birth laser engraved at base of photograph;
- a unique serial number on each card;
- a barcode; and
- a holographic overlay.

In addition to the features listed, there are a number of covert security features that have been withheld to protect their integrity.

## GOODBYE TO PROOF OF AGE CARDS

The photo card replaces the proof of age card and no new proof of age cards will be issued from 1 July 2014. Current proof of age card-holders will be able to receive replacement cards until 31 December 2014.

## HOW TO APPLY

To apply for a photo card, applicants will need to visit a Driver and Vehicle Services or Department of Transport centre or agent with an approved combination of five original documents to verify their full name, date of birth and current residential address.

