



# Documentation

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The person travelling bears the responsibility of ensuring their travel documents are valid.

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Debtors Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues. This information on documentation to enter the United States and to travel domestically with the USA is provided as a service for our members.

We are not affiliated with the U.S. government nor are we experts on these matters. This information is shared to bring to your attention the complexities and legal requirements that travelers are required to adhere.

## Delegates travelling within the United States by air

Effective May 7, 2025 the **REAL-ID compliant** requirements are required when boarding a domestic aircraft between two United States points, and for entering specific U.S. Federal facilities, including nuclear power plants, and other locations.

# What is REAL-ID?

REAL-ID refers to enhanced government issued documentation that complies with enhanced security requirements of the U.S. Federal Government. This includes:

- A valid U.S. Passport or a U.S. passport card. (Note that a Real ID does not replace a passport used for international travel.)
- A valid passport issued by another country.
- REAL-ID
- REAL-ID Compliant Driver's License
- U.S. Military I.D. for travel
- Permanent Resident Card
- Enhanced Driver's Licenses issued by Michigan and Minnesota.
- The Transportation Security Administration confirmed that "tribal photo identification issued by a federally-recognized Tribal Nation / Indian Tribe is accepted by TSA for identity verification purposes in the security checkpoint at airports nationwide."
- The TSA website states: "If your ID cannot be scanned by technology, you will be asked for a secondary ID that can be scanned. If you do not have a second ID, your Tribal ID will be inspected manually and cross-referenced with the Federal Register."

# What does REAL-ID Look Like?



HOW DO I TELL IF MY LICENSE/ID CARD IS  
**REAL ID COMPLIANT?**



IF YOUR CARD HAS A **STAR**, IT'S REAL ID COMPLIANT  
IF NOT, YOU MAY NEED TO RENEW OR REPLACE YOUR CARD

# REAL-ID Images

Generally, a star indicates it's a REAL ID



Gold star



Black star



Star cutout in gold circle



Star cutout in black circle

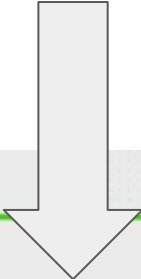


Star cutout in gold grizzly bear

## Examples



# REAL-ID Images



STANDARD



REAL ID



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# REAL-ID Images



## What is REAL ID?

REAL ID is the new federal requirement for state-issued driver licenses and non-driver IDs to help prevent fraudulent identification.

# Where Can I Get REAL-ID?

REAL-ID are available from the 50 states and 5 U.S. Territories DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles).

**More information can be found here:**

**<https://www.tsa.gov/real-id>**

# Documentation Required to Enter the United States

Passport holders from Canada and Bermuda are permitted (generally) to enter the US with a valid passport (at least 6 months validity remaining), assuming that they have no convictions.

**Visitors staying more than 30 days are required to be registered and fingerprinted.**

Approximately 40 countries can enter with a valid passport and an ESTA\* obtained electronically prior to travel at: **<https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/>**

Cost as of 27 June 2026 is \$40.27 USD.

\*Electronic System Travel Authorization

# ESTA Countries (Subject to change)

<https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/>

- Andorra
- Australia
- Austria
- Belgium
- Brunei
- Chile
- Croatia
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Japan
- Latvia
- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Republic of Malta
- Monaco
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Qatar
- San Marino
- Singapore
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- South Korea
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Taiwan<sup>[1]</sup>
- United Kingdom

[1]With respect to all references to "country" or "countries" in this document, it should be noted that the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979, Pub. L. No. 96-8, Section 4(b)(1), provides that "[w]henver the laws of the United States refer or relate to foreign countries, nations, states, governments, or similar entities, such terms shall include and such laws shall apply with respect to Taiwan." 22 U.S.C. § 3303(b)(1). Accordingly, all references to "country" or "countries" in the Visa Waiver Program authorizing legislation, Section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1187, are read to include Taiwan. This is consistent with the United States' one-China policy, under which the United States has maintained unofficial relations with Taiwan since 1979.

All Other Nationalities Require a U.S. Visa

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas.html/>

There is also a visa integrity fee required of \$250 USD.

**Notice: nationals of several countries will also be required to pay a refundable security deposit to enter to the USA. This can range from \$5,000 to \$15,000 USD depending on the country.**

# Trusted Traveler Programs Information

<https://www.cbp.gov/travel/trusted-traveler-programs>

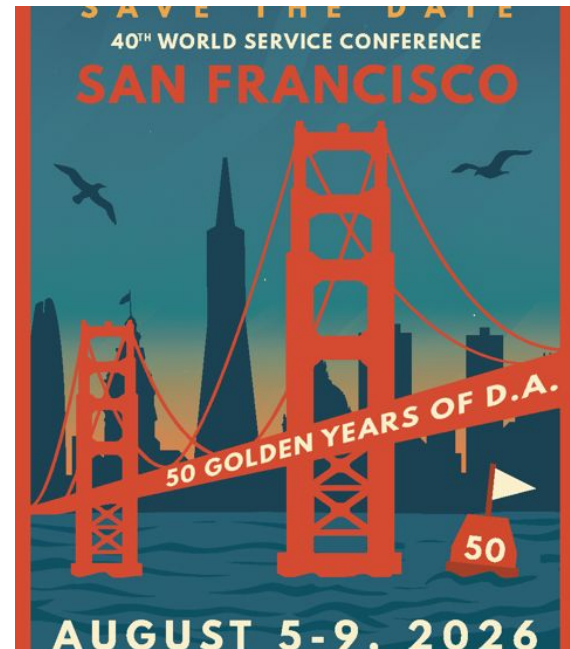


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Questions? Need a Letter of Invitation?

Email us at:

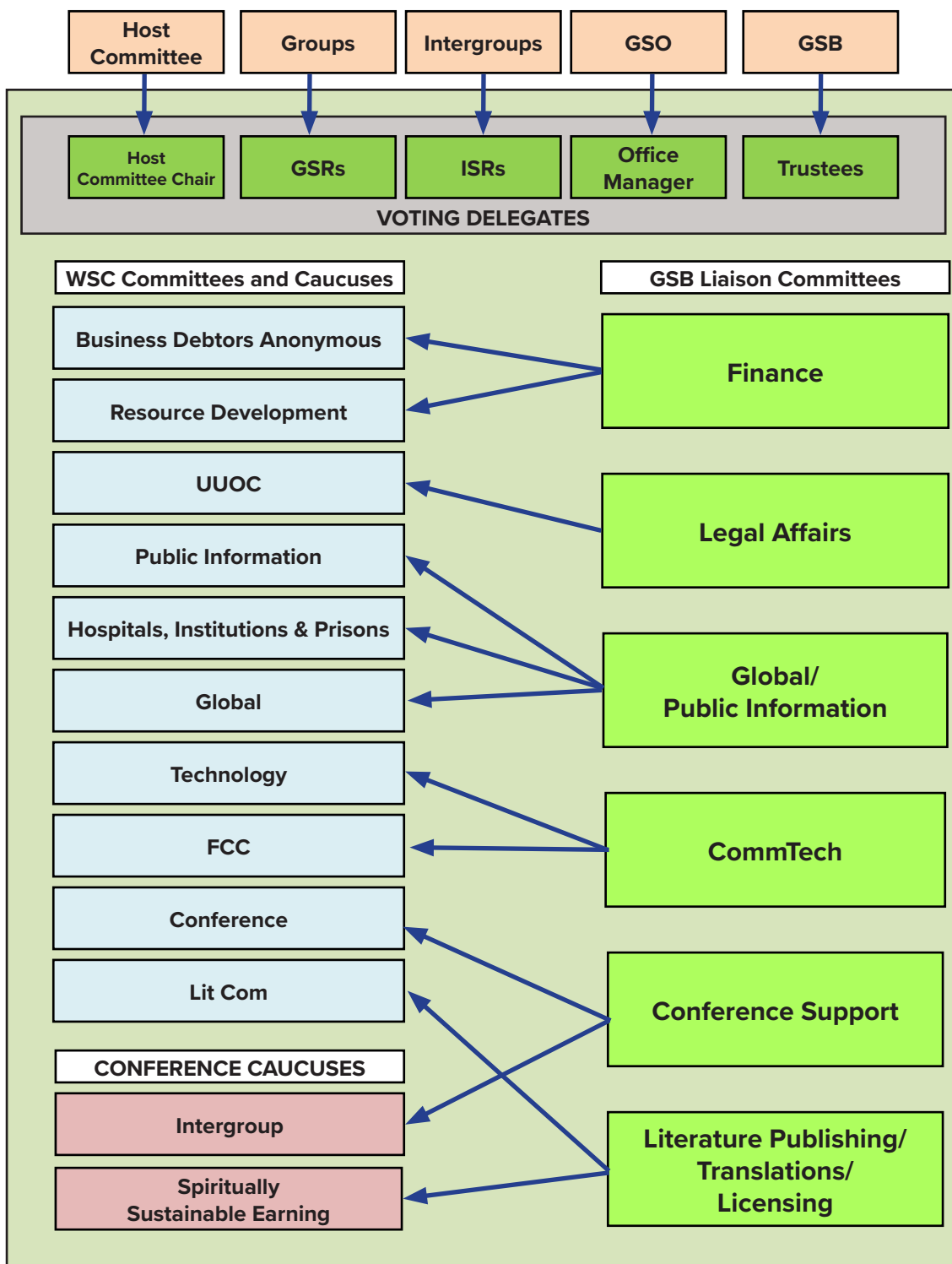
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# CHAPTER 5 – WORLD SERVICE

## A. Debtors Anonymous Conference Structure

### DEBTORS ANONYMOUS CONFERENCE STRUCTURE



## **F. The World Service Conference Committee and Caucus Structure**

There are ten standing committees and two caucus groups working as the organizational structure of the World Service Conference of Debtors Anonymous.

### **The WSC Committees**

Business Debtors Anonymous Committee (B.D.A.)

Conference Committee (CC)

Fellowship Communications Committee (FCC)

Global Committee (GC)

Hospitals, Institutions, and Prisons Committee (HIP)

Literature Committee (LIT)

Public Information Committee (PI)

Resource Development Committee (RDC)

Technology Committee (TECH)

Underserved and Under-Represented Outreach Committee (UUOC)

### **The WSC Caucuses**

Intergroup Caucus (IG)

Spiritually Sustainable Earning Caucus (SSEC)

## **World Service Conference Committees**

### **B.D.A. COMMITTEE (B.D.A.)**

The B.D.A. (Business Debtors Anonymous) Committee's purpose is to carry the message to the still suffering debtor and help them apply the Steps and Traditions to all their affairs and not debt one day at a time. The B.D.A. Committee focuses on issues specific to the needs of D.A. members who own or operate businesses, are self-employed or have a desire to own or operate businesses or be self-employed. The B.D.A. Committee is open to all GSRs and ISRs, not just those who represent B.D.A. groups.

### **CONFERENCE COMMITTEE (CC)**

The Conference Committee is concerned with the general nature of the World Service Conference. This includes:

- The Charter of the World Service Conference and its relationship to the General Service Board and membership of D.A. as a whole
- Issues related to the format of the annual World Service Conference of Debtors Anonymous
- Assistance to the Host Committee in their planning and logistics
- Recommendations of sites for future annual conferences

## **FELLOWSHIP COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (FCC)**

The Fellowship Communications Committee facilitates communication and promotes collaboration among the debtors who still suffer, the Debtors Anonymous membership, the World Service Conference Committees and Caucuses, the General Service Office, and the General Service Board, and oversees Promise 6 Day, and curates and edits the Ways and Means online publication.

## **HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, AND PRISONS COMMITTEE (HIP)**

The Hospitals, Institutions, and Prisons Committee carries the message of D.A. to the debtor who still suffers within hospital, institution and prison systems.

The Hospitals, Institutions, and Prisons Committee utilizes the Debtors Anonymous HIP Starter Kit and other D.A. Service Literature available to the entire D.A. Fellowship as a tool for outreach efforts and supports and trains HIP representatives as guided by the 12 Traditions of Debtors Anonymous. (rev. 7/17)

## **GLOBAL COMMITTEE (GC)**

The WSC Global Committee's mission is to connect D.A. members around the world by supporting emerging fellowships and meetings, including in languages other than English. We focus on developing global initiatives and facilitating the exchange of information. By better understanding the diverse ways in which people incur unsecured debt, the barriers to help and the consequences they face, we can further extend the hand of D.A. to suffering debtors anywhere in the world.

## **LITERATURE COMMITTEE (LIT)**

D.A. Conference-approved literature begins with the Literature Committee. Members participate in all levels of the literature creative process, including:

- Generating ideas for new D.A. literature
- Working closely with members of Literature Services
- Reviewing drafts of literature in process (given to them at the Conference by Literature Services)
- Approving final drafts of D.A. literature
- Bringing motions to approve drafts of literature to Convocation to become Conference-approved literature

## **PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE (PI)**

The Public Information Committee works to carry the message of D.A. to the still suffering debtor by interfacing with the media, helping professionals, the general public and the D.A. Fellowship at large, in person, on the telephone and through written information. The Public Information Committee utilizes the Debtors Anonymous Public Information Manual and other D.A. Service Literature available to the entire D.A. Fellowship as a tool for outreach efforts, and supports and trains PI representatives as guided by the 12 Traditions of Debtors Anonymous.

## **RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (RDC)**

Revenue for D.A. is the focus of the Resource Development Committee, including:

- Increasing Seventh Tradition contributions and clarifying the use of Seventh Tradition funds
- Encouraging member participation in service at all levels
- Increasing awareness within the D.A. Fellowship about the importance of self-support (rev. 8/13)

## **TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE (TECH)**

The Technology Committee is composed of delegates who have experience with and/or interest in leveraging technology to grow D.A. The Tech Committee focuses on harnessing technology to improve access to D.A.'s resources, facilitate communication within D.A. and reach out to the debtor who still suffers. The committee advises the Conference and the GSB, as well as providing hands-on technical expertise where applicable. (rev. 8/13)

## **UNDERSERVED AND UNDER-REPRESENTED OUTREACH COMMITTEE (UUOC)**

The mission of the Underserved and Under-represented Outreach Caucus is to support the Fellowship in carrying the message of Debtors Anonymous to the debtor in underserved populations and locations. We coordinate with World Service Conference committees and caucuses by developing best practices for doing that work and sharing it with D.A. as a whole.

### **World Service Conference Caucuses**

## **INTERGROUP CAUCUS (IG)**

The Intergroup Caucus is composed primarily of ISRs but also includes GSRs and Trustees who have experience with their local Intergroups. The main function of this caucus is to create tools, resources, and a better understanding of the role of an Intergroup in the overall organizational structure of D.A. The Intergroup Caucus helps support both new and existing Intergroups. The Intergroup Caucus also contributes to the efforts to regionalize D.A.

## **SPIRITUALLY SUSTAINABLE EARNING CAUCUS (SSEC)**

The Spiritually Sustainable Earning Caucus (SSEC) serves to support the D.A. Fellowship in gaining clarity around issues of earning in the D.A. program. Our vision is to broaden the Fellowship-wide understanding of how spiritually sustainable earning fits into D.A. recovery, encouraging a comprehensive and spiritual approach by working the Twelve Steps and using the Tools of Debtors Anonymous.

### **Committee Officers: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Technology Liaison**

The first order of business for each WSC committee and caucus is to elect its officers for the year. It is suggested that a person being considered to serve as the officer of a committee or caucus have the following qualifications: to have abstained from incurring unsecured debt for at least one year, to be actively working the 12 Steps of D.A., to have had at least two Pressure Relief Meetings, to have given service to a local group and/or as an Intergroup officer, and to be an active member of a home group.

**THE CHAIRPERSON:** Upon election, the chairperson presides over committee meetings, allowing all members to express their opinions. The first responsibility of the chairperson is to create an agenda with returning and new committee members. The chairperson leads the discussion of all agenda items sent to the committee for consideration. The chairperson also facilitates the development of a spending plan, which includes anticipated costs for completing the committee's work, such as telephone calls, postage, copying, and supplies. During the conference, the chairperson also meets with other committee chairs to help the work of Debtors Anonymous. During the service year, the chairperson attends joint meetings with other Committee and Caucus chairpersons via video conference every three months.

The chairperson facilitates the work of the committee during the Conference and throughout the following twelve months until the next Conference. The chairperson is responsible for communicating regularly with their General Service Board liaison and writing brief reports for the quarterly service newsletter, the DA Focus twice a year. All committee or caucus questions,