Compliance with the REAL ID Act

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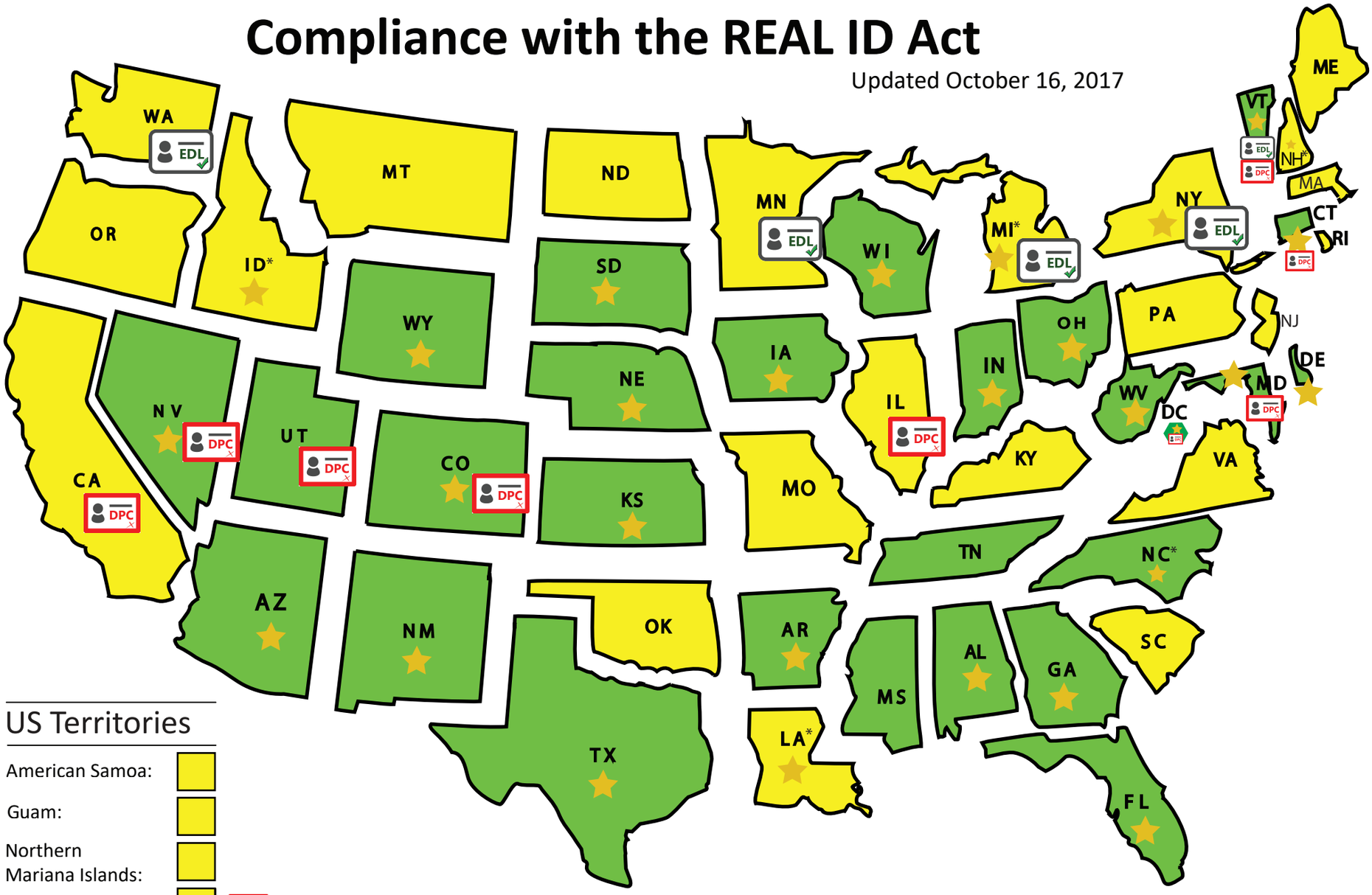

US Territories

American Samoa:

Guam:

Northern Mariana Islands:

Puerto Rico: DPC

Virgin Islands: DPC

The federal REAL ID Act of 2005 is an anti-terrorism law aimed at making it more difficult for terrorists and criminals to hide their identities by fraudulently obtaining a driver's license. REAL ID prohibits federal agencies from accepting driver's licenses that do not meet certain standards set by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). There is current enforcement of the REAL ID Act at military bases and restricted federal buildings. States that have been granted extensions will have their statuses reviewed at the deadline.

*New York, Idaho, Louisiana, Michigan, New Hampshire, and North Carolina print stars on their documents, but haven't yet been certified as compliant by DHS.

Legend:

- States certified by DHS as compliant with REAL ID that have the REAL ID Gold Star on their license
- States certified by DHS as compliant with REAL ID
- States with a time extension to comply with REAL ID lapsing on October 10, 2017
- States not compliant with REAL ID whose residents are unable to use licenses for federal purposes
- DPC — States offering driving privilege cards or driving only cards to undocumented immigrants
- EDL — States that offer Enhanced Driver's Licenses (EDLs) and Enhanced Identification Cards (EIDs) that may be deemed acceptable by the Department of Homeland Security.

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