An identity card is a document which confirms a person’s identity, Polish citizenship and which allows Polish citizens to cross the borders of member states of the European Union, member states of the European Economic Area which are not members of the EU, and countries which are not parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, the citizens of which enjoy the freedom of movement of people pursuant to the agreements these countries concluded with the European Community and its Member States, which consider this document to be sufficient to cross their borders.
In March 2015, the Ministry of Internal Affairs will start issuing new personal identity cards. The card will continue to be produced from the same material and will have the same dimensions as the existing personal identity card. The changes will concern the card’s graphic design, scope of specified personal data and anti-falsification elements.

Documents issued before March 2015 remain valid until expiration date specified in the document.

According to the Act of 6 August 2015 on Personal Identity Cards, new personal identity cards, as compared with the existing ones, will not include information on the place of residence, height and eye colour. In addition, they will not bear the holder’s signature. Instead, information on citizenship will be added.