

For the District of Columbia

DC Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

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(1) The International Driver's License is good for one year from the date of issue.

The Department of Motor Vehicles will provide D.C. driver's licenses, learner's permits, or non-driver identification cards to foreign nationals who are residents of the United States for at least six months and have acceptable documentation. In addition to regular driver's license requirements, you must provide proof of lawful entry into the United States with one of the following:

- A valid passport with your I-94 card;
- A valid Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) employment card;
- A Resident Alien card;
- Certificate of naturalization or citizenship.

Additionally, applicants with A-1, 2, or 3 and G-1, 2, 3, or 4 certifications must obtain a letter from the U.S. State Department of the World Bank Office of Personnel stating that the applicant is employed by either of these organizations. **Please note that the DMV accepts original documents only.** While it is not necessary to have a Social Security Number to apply for a D.C. driver's license, having one can make the application process easier. Since newly arrived F-1 students who do not have jobs are not eligible for a Social Security number, they may need to present a Social Security rejection notice to the D.C. DMV.

(2) In order to obtain a D.C. driver's license you must apply for a learning permit (fee \$20) and take an eye, written, and road test. Written tests are available in English, Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, and Vietnamese. Once you pass these tests, the fee for obtaining the D.C. license is \$39. The D.C. license is valid for four years from the date of issue.

(3) In order to obtain a learning permit you must provide proof of name and date of birth, and proof of current residency. For proof of name and date of birth bring your passport. To provide proof of current residency, you must produce one of the following:

- A complete utility bill issued within the last 60 days showing your name at your current address.
- An original lease or rental agreement with your name listed as the lessee

or renter. You may use a handwritten lease if it is notarized by the lessee or an authorized representative from a leasing company.

- A written statement from a person owning the residence or residing with the applicant at the stated residence and a complete utility bill of that person and a copy of this person's valid D.C. driver's license or non-driver's identification card.

(3) If you have a driver's license from your country, you may avoid taking the road test by producing your license, and also showing either a letter from your Embassy certifying that your driver's license is valid or else a typed translation of your license by a certified translator. After taking the written test and paying a fee of \$39, you should get the D.C. license on the same day.