

For the State of Maryland

Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA)

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm; Saturday 8:30am-12:00pm
(driver's licenses only)

- (1) The International Driver's License is good for one year from the date of issue.
- (2) To apply for a Maryland learner's permit or driver's license, you must schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-950-1MVA if you can provide a valid employment authorization card (I-688A, I-688B, I-766) OR a valid passport with a valid United States visa and valid I-94 OR a valid permanent resident card (I-551) you are not required to make a appointment and may visit the office. Also all applicants must provide proof of age, identity, Maryland residence, and lawful admission. While it is not absolutely necessary for you to have a Social Security Number (SSN), having one can make the application process easier. **Only original documents will be accepted.**
- (3) If you have never held a driver's license before you will need to hold a Maryland learner's permit for 4 months before applying for a driver's license. To apply for a learner's permit you must pass an eye test and a written knowledge test and pay a \$45 fee, which includes the Maryland license fee.
- (4) For a Maryland driver's license, you must take an eye, written, and driving test. You must produce a certificate showing that you have completed 30 hours of classroom instruction, 6 hours of driving instruction, and a 3 hour alcohol and drug awareness course. The drug and alcohol awareness course can be taken privately and can cost up to \$35. In addition, if you have never held a driver's license before you will need to show proof of 40 hours of supervised driving with a mentor. The license expires five years from the date of issue.
- (5) If you have a driver's license from your country, you have to appear in person to take the eye, written, and driving tests. You will need to pay a \$45 fee and present your current license along with a certified English translation of your license. In addition, you will need to produce a certificate showing you have completed 30 hours of classroom instruction, 6 hours of driving instruction, and a 3 hour drug and alcohol awareness course.