

For the State of Virginia

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- (1) The International Driver's License is good for one year from the date of issue.
- (2) To apply for a Virginia driver's license or learner's permit you must bring two identification documents (passport, birth certificate, etc.), proof of Virginia residency, and proof of Social Security Number (SSN) if you have one. If you do not have a SSN, you must provide a letter from the Social Security Administration (SSA) stating that you are not eligible to have one. To apply for a photo identification card you must bring two identification documents and proof of Virginia residency. For a complete list of acceptable supporting documents consult:
<http://www.dmvnow.com/webdoc/pdf/dmv141.pdf>. **Please note that only original documents will be accepted.**
- (3) Unless you have a Canadian, French, or German license, you must hold a Virginia learner's permit for 30 days before acquiring the Virginia state license. The fee for the learner's permit ranges from \$12 to \$28 and includes the license fee as well.
- (4) To apply for a Virginia driver's license you have to take an eye, knowledge, and road-skills test after paying a fee that ranges from \$12 to \$28 depending on your age and the duration of the license. If you are under 19 you have to present a driver education certificate.
- (5) If you are a non-resident temporarily living in Virginia, you may drive with another state or country's license (so long as it is accompanied by a certified English translation) for up to six months. If you plan to become a resident of Virginia, you will need to apply for a Virginia license within 60 days of arriving.
- (6) Virginia does not recognize all licenses from other countries for exemption from the road test. If you present a valid driver's license issued by a U.S. state, territory, jurisdiction, a Canadian province, France, or Germany, you may not be required to take the knowledge exam or the road skills test, but you must pass an eye test. Canadian or U.S. licenses must be surrendered when you apply for a Virginia driver's license. Be sure to photocopy your out-of-state license before surrendering it as you may need it for insurance or licensing purposes.