

DRIVER LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

All non-U.S. citizens must obtain a US driver's license if they wish to drive in the metro area. Students and scholars may not drive with an out-of-country license beyond 60 days of residence in the District of Columbia, Virginia or Maryland. **Please note:** All motor vehicles must be registered and all drivers must be insured. Registration and insurance requirements vary according to state, so please contact the DMV in your state of residence for more information.

District of Columbia Department of Motor Vehicles (DC DMV)

<u>http://dmv.dc.gov/serv/dlicense.shtm</u> - General http://dmv.dc.gov/serv/dlicense/get_non_us_citizen_dl.shtm - Foreign National Specific

Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA)

http://www.mva.maryland.gov/DriverServ/Apply/international.htm

Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

http://www.dmv.virginia.gov/webdoc/citizen/drivers/applying.asp

All locations require you to present the following original documentation:

- Identity (name/date of birth)*
- Legal presence
- Local residency*
- Social Security Number (SSN)**

* Some jurisdictions may require two forms of these documents **Letter from Social Security Administration (SSA) indicating ineligibility may be used.

Additional Requirements May Include:

- Vision Screening
- Knowledge Exam
- Road Skills Test
- Certified Translation of Foreign License
- Period of Temporary Learners' Permit/Provisional Licensing Prior to Licensing

The following is a summary of general requirements for obtaining a driver's license in DC, VA, or MD. For complete instructions and a list of acceptable documents, visit the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) website corresponding to your place of residence. Only original documents will be accepted.