

DRIVER'S LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

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All non-U.S. citizens must obtain a U.S. 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 30 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. The table below shows the list of documents required to obtain a driver's license in the three listed states. Only original documents will be accepted.

PROOF OF:

IDENTITY SOCIAL SECURITY RESIDENCE ABILITY TO DRIVE

D.C.

- Foreign Passport
- Visa
- I-94
- I-20 (for F-1 Visa holders)
- DS-2019 (for J-1 Visa holders)

- For regular license (REAL ID License): Social Security Card required
- For Limited Purpose License: Social Security # not required, but cannot be used as federal identification

- Select **at least 2** of the following:
- Utility bill (water, gas, electric, oil, or cable) issued within the last 60 days
 - Telephone bill (cell phone, wireless, or pager bills acceptable) issued within the last 60 days
 - Unexpired lease or rental agreement (may be a photocopy).
 - Bank/credit card/investment account statement issued within the last 60 days
 - Student loan statement issued within the last 60 days
 - See more options at dmv.dc.gov

- Valid Out of Country Driver's License. You must take and pass the DC DMV knowledge and vision test. A certified translation is required for an out of country driver license not written in English (International Licenses are not acceptable). We must be able to authenticate that the out of country driver license is valid to bypass the road test requirement.
- Valid DC learner's permit and successful completion of skills road test
- Passed the DC DMV knowledge and road skills test within the last 90 days

VIRGINIA

- Foreign Passport
- Visa
- I-94
- I-20 (for F-1 Visa holders)
- DS-2019 (for J-1 Visa holders)

- Social Security # not necessary, but must show Social Security Card, if you have one

- Select **one** of the following:
- Deed, mortgage, monthly mortgage statement or residential rental/lease agreement
 - Utility bill, not more than two months old, issued to applicant. Examples include gas, electric, sewer, water, cable or phone bill. Cellular and pager bills are not accepted.
 - U.S. Postal Service change of address confirmation form or postmarked U.S. mail with forwarding address label
 - Monthly bank statement not more than two months old issued by a bank
 - Certified copy of school records/transcript from a school in which applicant is currently enrolled
 - See more options at dmv.virginia.gov

- If you have never held a driver's license, you must have passed an approved driver education course or held a learner's permit at least 60 days before taking the DMV road skills test.
- If you hold a valid driver's license issued by a U.S. state or territory, a Canadian province, France, Germany, or South Korea, you must pass a vision screening test.
- If you hold a valid driver's license issued by Taiwan, you must pass the vision screening and knowledge exam.
- If you hold a valid driver's license issued by a country other than Canada, France, Germany, South Korea, or Taiwan, you must pass the two-part knowledge exam, road skills test and a vision screening.

MARYLAND

- Foreign Passport
- Visa
- I-94
- I-20 (for F-1 Visa holders)
- DS-2019 (for J-1 Visa holders)

- Social Security card OR
- Document from Social Security Administration demonstrating non-work authorized status.

- Select **at least 2** of the following:
- Utility, telephone, or cable/satellite TV bill
 - Checking, savings or financial account statement
 - Insurance card or policy
 - Residential rental contract (apartment lease or other rental of real property)
 - Mail from a federal, state or local government agency
 - U.S. College Transcript or U.S. tuition bill
 - Credit card statement
 - Canceled check with imprinted name and address
 - See more options at mva.maryland.gov

- Learner's Permit applicants must pass a knowledge test and vision screening to obtain their permit, and must complete the Maryland Driver Education Program prior to applying for a license and taking the skills examination.
- If you are exchanging an out-of-country license, you must complete the 3-Hour Alcohol and Drug Education Program prior to your license application. You will also be required to pass a knowledge test, vision screening and skills examination.