Louisiana Driver’s License
http://omv.dps.state.la.us/ or www.expresslane.org

Identification
Foreign passport with I-94, showing status with USCIS
You must have 180 days (6 months) left on your status to be issued a driver’s license, as indicated by the end date on your I-20, DS-2019, Employment Authorization Document (EAD) or I-797 Approval Notice**.
**Students and Exchange visitors will NOT be issued a license with validity that includes the 60 or 30 grace period permitted at the end of their educational/exchange program.**
**F-1 Students with a pending application for Post Completion OPT cannot obtain a driver’s license renewal until their OPT has been approved and the EAD card is received. F-1 Students in a cap gap extension period cannot obtain a license renewal until the H1B petition has been approved, the I-797 Approval Notice is received and the start date has arrived.**
**H1B and TN employees and their dependents cannot obtain a driver’s license renewal during the 240 day grace period permitted while an extension request is pending. The I-797 Approval Notice must be received before the license can be renewed.**

Social Security Verification
Social Security Card /Number OR a letter from Social Security Administration stating the applicant is not eligible for a social security card/number. Most dependents are not eligible for a social security number and it is not necessary to obtain a letter of ineligibility for these dependents. J-2 dependents are eligible for employment through approved work authorization and may require an ineligibility letter from the Social Security Office.

Out of Country License
If the Out of Country license does not already include English translation of a foreign language, a translation will be required. There are many options for obtaining a translation. If there is no out of country license available, the applicant must complete a 6-hour pre-licensing course from an approved driving school. (A current list of schools is available at www.expresslane.org)

Out of State License
If you have a valid license from another U.S. State, you may surrender that license and obtain a Louisiana license. Applicants surrendering a valid out of state license will be exempted from all testing, except the vision screening.

Students (only)
☞ If the student is here for one semester only – he/she cannot get a driver’s license
☞ Current school ID card and fee bill (current semester), showing paid in full. If the money is being transferred to the school and the student does not have the fee bill, a letter from the Bursar’s Office is needed to verify enrollment in the current semester. (Dependents must be accompanied by the student and their identification documents)
☞ If the student is applying for the driver’s license during the summer and did not register for the summer session, he/she will not be eligible.
☞ The student’s name must agree in all documents

Procedures
All applicants must pass a vision test (20/40 minimal acceptable vision)

Computerized testing
All applicants must pass the:
Road Signs Test (25 questions) 80% passing score
You may use an English translation dictionary. You must present the dictionary before the test is begun.
Road Rules Test (30 questions) 80% passing score
The study guide for the written test is available on the ISO website.

Road Skills Test (15 minutes on road) 75% passing score
The vehicle must have:
☞ Current registration and license plate
☞ Current liability insurance
☞ Current inspection sticker
The applicant must successfully complete basic driving maneuvers following the instructions given by the Motor Vehicle employee.

Fee for Class E driver’s license-$24.50; State ID card-$21.00 See website for more details. Beginning 6/4/2014, all OMV locations accept debit and credit cards with applicable transaction fees. See OMV website here for more details.

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Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles
Office Locations and Hours
In the Greater New Orleans Area

**East Bank**

100 Veterans Blvd.  421 Williams Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70124   Kenner, LA 70062
Monday thru Friday   Monday thru Friday
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM   8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Telephone: (504) 483-1870  Telephone: (504) 463-5783

*Location recommended for best service (initial applications not accepted at this location-renewals only.)*

**West Bank**

2150 Westbank Expressway  419 Avenue A
Harvey, LA 70058   Westwego, LA 70094
Monday thru Friday   Monday thru Friday
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM   8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**Northshore:**

1715 N. Causeway Blvd.  1514 W. Lindberg Drive
Mandeville, LA 70471   Slidell, LA 70458
Monday thru Friday   Monday thru Friday
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM   8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Telephone: (985) 624-4445  Telephone: (985) 646-6461

No Road Skills tests are given from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Road Skills tests are not given in inclement weather. (Rain, fog, etc.)