

# Louisiana Driver's License

<http://omv.dps.state.la.us/> or [www.expresslane.org](http://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](http://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  
Road Rules Test (30 questions)                      80% passing score

You may use an English translation dictionary. You must present the dictionary before the test is begun.

The study guide for the written test is available on the ISO website.

## Road Skills Test (15 minutes on road)      75% passing score

The applicant must furnish the vehicle. If the applicant does not own a vehicle, they may borrow one from a friend. The applicant should be familiar with the vehicle (Drive it before going to the office. Be familiar with the vehicle and its equipment; lights, horn, blinkers, etc.)

### **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.***

# Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles

Office Locations and Hours  
In the Greater New Orleans Area

## East Bank

**100 Veterans Blvd.**  
**New Orleans, LA 70124**  
Monday thru Friday  
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Telephone: (504) 483-1870

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

**421 Williams Blvd.**  
**Kenner, LA 70062**  
Monday thru Friday  
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Telephone: (504) 463-5783

## West Bank

**2150 Westbank Expressway**  
**Harvey, LA 70058**  
Monday thru Friday  
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**419 Avenue A**  
**Westwego, LA 70094**  
Monday thru Friday  
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

## Northshore:

**1715 N. Causeway Blvd.**  
**Mandeville, LA 70471**  
Monday thru Friday  
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Telephone: (985) 624-4445

**1514 W. Lindberg Drive**  
**Slidell, LA 70458**  
Monday thru Friday  
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
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.)**