

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 at least **180 (6 months)** left on your status to be issued an **initial** driver's license/ID or **30 days (1 month)** to be issued a **renewal**, as indicated by the end date on your:

- I-20, (F-1/F-2) **
- DS-2019 (J-1/J-2) **
- 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 will have to obtain a letter of ineligibility prior to applying for a license. J-2 dependents with a valid EAD are eligible for employment through approved work authorization and may acquire a Social Security Card/Number at the Social Security Office beginning on the "valid from" date on their EAD card.

Out of Country License

If out of country license is **not** from **Germany, Switzerland, Taiwan** (notarized translations must be authenticated by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston or provided by a translator acceptable to the Office of Motor Vehicles.), or **Korea** the applicant must complete a 6-hour pre-licensing classroom course and 8 hour driving course from an approved driving school. The road skills and computerized testing will also be conducted by the driving school. 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 (the attached is one option). (A current list of schools is available [here](#).)

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.

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) score	80% passing
Road Rules Test (30 questions) score	80% passing

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-\$32.25

State ID card-\$18.00 (local fees may apply)

Cash is no longer accepted as of November 1, 2016. Checks, Money Orders and Cashier's Checks are accepted.

See [website](#) for more details. *Beginning 6/4/2014, all OMV locations accept debit and credit cards with applicable transaction fees. (\$1.25 + 1% of transaction total).*

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

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

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

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.)

TRANSLATION OF FOREIGN DRIVER'S LICENSE

(Translations must be done by a professor at a U.S. university or the home country Consul)

Name: _____

Country: _____ City: _____ Province/District: _____

License Number: _____

Date Issued: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Address: _____

Sex: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

Restrictions: _____

I, _____, hereby certify that I am competent to translate from the _____ language into English and that the above is the accurate translation of the original driver's license.

Print Name of Translator: _____

Title: _____

Consulate or University: _____

(Attach Business Card or Proof of Employment)

Signature of Translator: _____

Date Signed: _____