

International Student Services

DMV Information

International students must enroll in a minimum of 12 units for undergraduates and 8 units for graduates to be eligible to apply for a California Driver's License (DL) or a California State ID card from the Department of Motor Vehicles office. The California Driver's License and the State ID card are considered the official documents for routine identification purposes in California.

How to apply for a CA ID or Driver's License:

1. If you are applying for a DL, please review the California Driver Handbook online. ([Handbook](#))
2. Schedule an appointment with the local DMV Office and bring your original immigration documents:
 - a) Valid Passport
 - b) VISA
 - c) Valid I-20
 - d) I-94 record (Get the most Recent [I-94](#))
 - e) Proof of California Residence Requirements
3. Complete application: [DL 44](#)
4. Pay the [application fee](#)
5. Pass knowledge test of traffic laws. Link to [Sample Test](#) .
6. You will then be issued a permit if you have never been licensed before. To take your driving test you will need to call or go online to set up a [DMV Appointment](#) . Driving tests are not given without an appointment.
7. The day of your driving test you will need to provide proof of financial responsibility, also known proof of car insurance. Link to [Insurance Requirement](#).
8. After you pass your driving test, you will be issued a temporary license valid for 60 days until you receive your new photo license in the mail. If you do not receive your Driver's License in the mail after 60 days from your driving test, please contact our office.

International students who are ineligible for a Social Security Number (SSN):

According to the State of [Department of Motor Vehicle's website](#) , individuals who are legally present in the U.S. but are ineligible for a Social Security Number (SSN) are exempt from the SSN requirements to obtain a driver's license. The Social Security Administration will not assign a SSN to individuals holding F-1 status to comply with a state law requiring a SSN for the issuance of a driver's license. In lieu of a Social Security Number, students will provide proof of legal presence in the form of a valid passport with a valid Record of Arrival/Departure (Form I-94).

Local DMV Offices and Contact Information:

Long Beach 3700 E. Willow Street Long Beach, CA 90815	Compton 2111 So. Santa Fe Avenue Compton, CA 90221	Torrance 1785 W. 220 th Street Torrance, CA 90501	Phone Number: 1-800-777-0133 Website: www.dmv.ca.gov Office Hours M, TU, Wed, TH 8am-5pm Wednesday: 9am-5pm
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Approved Documents for California Residency Requirements

You must provide documents with your name and California address. The address on all of documents must match the address listed on your DL-44. Here's the list of acceptable documents:

- Rental or lease agreement with the signature of the owner/landlord and the tenant/resident.
- Deed or title to residential real property.
- Mortgage bill.
- Home utility bills (including cellular phone).
- School documents including any document issued by a U.S. education institution that either includes the applicant's date of birth, or if a foreign school document, is sealed by the school and includes a photograph of the applicant at the age the record was issued.
- Medical documents.
- Employment documents.
- Faith based documents that include the name and address of the issuing organization.
- Insurance documents, including medical, dental, vision, life, home, rental, and vehicle.
- Internal Revenue Service or California Franchise Tax Board tax return.
- California Certificate of Vehicle or Vessel Title or Registration.
- Change of Address Confirmation by the U.S. Postal Service (Form CNL 107).
- Any document issued by an entity, office, or authority governing over a country, state, county, city, municipality, district, agency, department, or any other political subdivision of a country or state that is typed and contains the agency name, department name, state seal, or is on official letterhead.
- Property tax bill or statement.
- Record of any state or national banks, state or federal savings associations, trust companies, industrial loan companies, state or federal credit unions, and any institution or entity that has issued a credit card.
- An acceptable No Fee Identification Card Eligibility Verification (DL 933) form.
- Voter registration confirmation letter or postcard issued by the California Secretary of State or a local California county elections officer.
- Proof of payment of resident tuition at a public institution of higher education located in California.
- An original copy of an approved Claim for Homeowners' Property Tax Exemption (BOE-266) form filed with a local California County Assessor.
- Court documents that list the applicant as a resident of California.

For more information please go to : [CA DMV](#)