

Getting a California Driver's License

Obtaining a driver's license can be a complicated process. Follow these easy steps to make this tedious process less "painful"!

Things to remember before applying for a California Driver's License:

- Wait at least 10 days after your status has been changed from "Initial" or "Transfer Pending" to "Continued Attendance"
(This is to ensure that your immigration status and documents are updated and processed)
- Gather required immigration documents & paperwork beforehand
- *You have three chances to pass the driving test. If you fail, you can make another appointment. There is no waiting period, but you will be subject to pay a fee for each additional driving test afterwards.

Documents to bring:

- ✓ I-20 Form in "Continued Attendance" status
 - ✓ I-94 Arrival/Departure Record
You will either have it on your passport or you can access the electronic record: www.cbp.gov/i94 and print out a copy
 - ✓ Valid passport (with your visa, if applicable)
 - ✓ Social Security Number or proof of birth/legal presence documents
 - ✓ Proof of residence (US Bank account statement – mailed to your home address)
 - ✓ Utility Bill (ex. Electric or phone bill with your name on it)
 - ✓ Enrollment Verification Letter (from the university)
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To apply:

- 1) Make an appointment before visiting the DMV office
<https://dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/portal/foa/welcome>
 - 2) Complete an original application DL 44 form (available at the DMV)
 - 3) Pay \$33 application fee
Note: All DMV offices accept payment by cash, check, money order, and ATM/Debit cards for payment of fees. Credit cards are not accepted.
 - 4) Thumb print & picture will be taken
 - 5) Pass a vision test and a traffic laws & signs test
http://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/?1dmy&urile=wcm:path:/dmv_content_en/dmv/pubs/interactive/tdrive/exam
 - 6) If you pass, make an appointment for a driving test
 - ✓ Call 1-800-777-0133 or online
 - ✓ Proof of insurance (financial responsibility)
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Applying for a California State ID Card

Carrying around your passport can be very risky.

If you are not planning on driving, we recommend applying for a California State ID Card to carry around with you on a daily basis.

You can apply for a California identification card at any age. A California State ID card is valid for six years.

To apply for an ID card you must visit a California Department of Motor Vehicles(DMV) office in person to:

- Complete a Driver License or Identification Card Application (Form DL 44). This form is not available online as it requires your original signature.
- Give your thumbprint.
- Have your picture taken.
- If you wish to complete the application form before your visit to the CA DMV, you can call the DMV's automated telephone system at (800) 777-0133 to have the form mailed to you.

Documents to bring:

- ✓ Social Security number. If you are ineligible for a SSN but are legally present in the U.S., you can still apply for a CA ID card.
- ✓ I-20 Form in "Continued Attendance" status
- ✓ I-94 Arrival/Departure Record
You will either have it on your passport or you can access the electronic record: www.cbp.gov/i94 and print out a copy
- ✓ Valid passport (with your visa, if applicable)
- ✓ Social Security Number or proof of birth/legal presence documents
- ✓ 2 documents proving your California residency, which could include:
 - Utility Bill (ex. Electric or phone bill with your name on it)
 - Title or deed to your residence/property.
 - Pay stub from your employer.
- ✓ Enrollment Verification Letter (from the university)



Nearest DMV offices:

▶ **Laguna Hills DMV office (Near Irvine Campus)**

2353 Moulton Parkway
Laguna Hills, CA 92653
1-800-777-0133 (8:00am to 5:00pm Weekdays only)

▶ **Costa Mesa DMV office (Near Irvine campus)**

650 W 19th St
Costa Mesa, CA 92627
1-800-777-0133 (8:00am to 5:00pm Weekdays only)

▶ **Bellflower DMV office (Nearest to Cerritos campus)**

9520 East Artesia Blvd
Bellflower, CA 90706
1-800-777-0133 (8:00am to 5:00pm Weekdays only)

For more information:

- ▶ <http://www.dmv.ca.gov/>