



I am a Foreign Student and I Want to Obtain a NJ Driver's License

Can I get a driver's license as an F-1 student?

Yes, students in F-1 visa status must show their Form I-20, student identification cards or certification on school letterhead indicating status and their passport with I-94 to the State of New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (www.state.nj.us/mvc/).

Do I need a Social Security Number to get a driver's license?

No.

What are the steps I need to take?

-First, obtain the required proof of age, address and identification:

- a. Foreign passport with USCIS verification and valid record of arrival/departure (Form I-94) or valid I-551 stamp in passport
- b. US school photo identification card with transcript or school records
- c. Proof of current NJ address with one of the following:
 - Utility or credit card bill showing your name and current address, issued within the last 90 days, High school or college report card or transcript within past two (2) years (must contain address)

-Second, show proof of exemption from Social Security:

- a. Individuals, that are not entitled, by law, to have a Social Security Number will submit an ineligibility letter issued by the Social Security Administration Office (you must get this letter prior to applying for a license) and the Social Security Exemption Certificate Form (BA-4) available at any MVC Agency and Regional Service Center Driver Conference Area

-Third, prepare for and take the knowledge test, vision test, and road test. The NJ DMV can provide you with a guide to the rules and regulations needed to pass the test, just ask!

Appointments are sometimes necessary. Where do I go and who do I call?

NJ Motor Vehicle Commission in Atlantic County:
Cardiff Center at 6701 Black Horse Pike, Cardiff, NJ 08232
OR

NJ Motor Vehicle Commission in Cape May County:
Rio Grande Center at 1500 Route 47 South, Rio Grande, NJ 08242
OR

1-800-486-3339