



# Illinois Drives Licenses & State IDs

In Illinois, International students and other temporary visitors, **who does not have Social Security Number, are not allowed to have a State Driver's License or State ID card.** You may drive with a valid driver's license from your home country for 90 days in Illinois. However, it is allowed us, who do not have Social Security Number, to have a TVDL in order to drive.

## Temporary Visitor's Driver's License TVDL (Without an SSN)

The Secretary of State's Office issues a "Temporary Visitor's Driver's License" (TVDL) for non-citizens of the United State who have been granted temporary, legal entry into this country and are temporarily residing in the State of Illinois and ineligible for a Social Security Number. Note: TVDL is not an ID card. You will be asked whether you want to register to vote, you **MUST** decline.

### Step 1: Prepare the following Documents:

- **Passport and Visa**
- **I-20**
- **I-94** (Download it from <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/home>)
- **Two documents that verify your IL address.** This is the address you will receive your Driver's License. (Check Group D for acceptable document on page 3)
- **Fee of \$30** (\$5 for age 18-20)
- A proof of successful completion of a 6-hour **adult driver education** and training course if you are between 18-20 years old (Find a course from <http://www.ilsos.gov/adultdrivered/providerlist>)

### Step 2: Go to the either of the following DMV, which has TVDL center

1. Chicago West  
Address: 5301 W Lexington St, Chicago, IL 60644  
Opening hours: 8am-5:30pm on Tuesday to Friday & 7:30am-12pm on Saturday
2. Chicago North  
Address: 5401 N Elston Ave, Chicago, IL 60630  
Opening hours: 8:30am-5:30pm on Monday to Friday

### Step 3: Pass the following three Exams in DMV

1. **Vision Exam.**

2. **Learner's permit**, which is the written test. Learner's permit allows the driver to drive with someone who has legal State License for more than a year.
3. **Road test**. You must drive a car to DMV in order to do the road test. It takes approximately 15 minutes (not include the waiting time). Note: Citizens of England, France, and Germany may not need to take the driving test if they submit a letter from their country's embassy/consulate.

Important: When you got your Driver's License, please update your information if your current address or name is changed within 10 days through <https://www.ilsos.gov/addrchange/>

## Illinois State Driver's License (With a SSN)

If you already have a **SSN (Social Security Number)** or are eligible for a SSN, you can apply for a "regular" driver's license and/or state ID. You will be asked whether you want to register to vote, you **MUST** decline.

### Step 1: Prepare the following Documents:

- **Passport and Visa**
- **I-20**
- **I-94** (Download it from <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/home>)
- **Social Security Number**
- **Two documents that verify your IL address**. This is the address you will receive your Driver's License. (Check Group D for acceptable document on page 3)
- **Fee of \$30** (\$5 for age 18-20)
- A proof of successful completion of a 6-hour **adult driver education** and training course if you are between 18-20 years old (Find a course from <http://www.ilsos.gov/adultdrivered/providerlist>)

### Step 2: Go to the DMV near to you and Pass the following three Exams in DMV

1. **Vision Exam**.
2. **Learner's permit**, which is the written test. Learner's permit allows the driver to drive with someone who has legal State License for more than a year.
3. **Road test**. You must drive a car to DMV in order to do the road test. It takes approximately 15 minutes (not include the waiting time). Note: Citizens of England, France, and Germany may not need to take the driving test if they submit a letter from their country's embassy/consulate.

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# ACCEPTABLE IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS

## PHOTOCOPIES ARE NOT ACCEPTED

All acceptable documents presented for verification or proof must be valid (current and not expired). One document may satisfy more than one Group.

### Group A — Written Signature

- Canceled Check (within 90 days prior to application)
- CDTP Certification Form
- Court Order
- Credit Card/Debit Card (major brand)
- Driver Education Certificate
- Government Driver's License
- Government ID Card (current)
- Illinois Driver's License (current)
- Illinois ID Card (current)
- Medicare Card with suffix A, J, H, M or T
- Military Service Record (DD214)
- Mortgage or Installment Loan Documents
- Out-of-State Driver's License/ID Card (current)
- Passport (valid U.S. or foreign)
- Social Security Card
- Temporary DL/CLP/ID Card
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Forms — I-551 (Alien Registration Card); I-766 (Employment Authorization Card); I-94 (Arrival/Departure Record) with Valid Passport
- U.S. Military Driver's License/ID Card

Acceptable major brand credit cards (for signature verification only) include American Express, Diners Club, Discover, Master Card and Visa.

### Group B — Date of Birth

- Adoption Records
- Birth Certificate
- Court Order (Change of birth date)
- Certified Grade/High School/College/University Transcript
- Illinois Driver's License (current)
- Illinois ID Card (current)
- Military Service Record (DD214)
- Naturalization Certificate
- Passport (valid with complete date of birth)
- Social Security Award Letter (primary beneficiary only)
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Forms — I-551 (Alien Registration Card); I-571 (Refugee Travel Document); I-766 (Employment Authorization Card); I-797A (Notice of Action Status Change); I-94 (Arrival/Departure Record) with Valid Passport
- U.S. Military Driver's License/ID Card
- U.S. Passport Card (valid with complete date of birth)
- U.S. Visa

Group B documents must contain the applicant's full name and complete date of birth and must be verifiable. To be verifiable, it must be possible to contact the regulatory authority to confirm the authenticity of the document.

Birth Certificates must be original or certified by a Board of Health or Bureau of Vital Statistics within the U.S. or by the U.S. State Department, U.S. territories or Canada. A certified copy is a document produced by the issuing jurisdiction which has an embossed seal or an original stamped impression. Foreign passports and foreign birth certificates are accepted as proof if accompanied by any other item in Group B.

### Group C — Social Security Number

- Illinois Driver's License Record
- Illinois ID Card Record
- Military Service Record (DD214)
- Social Security Award Letter (primary beneficiary only)
- Social Security Card (issued by SSA)
- U.S. Military Driver's License/ID Card

Group C documents must contain the applicant's name and full Social Security Number. If using an Illinois driver's license or ID record, the Social Security Number must have been previously verified with the SSA.

An applicant applying for a Temporary Visitor Driver's License is not required to present documents from Group C. Instead, the applicant must sign a declaration on the TVDL application that the applicant is, at the time of application, ineligible to obtain a Social Security number.

### Group D — Residency

- Official Electronic Statement (dated within 90 days prior to application)
- Bank Statement (dated within 90 days prior to application)
- Canceled Check (dated within 90 days prior to application)
- Certified Grade/High School/College/University Transcript
- Credit Report (issued by Experian, Equifax or TransUnion, dated within 12 months of application)
- Deed/Title, Mortgage, Rental/Lease agreement
- Insurance Policy (homeowner's or renter's)
- Letter on Official School Letterhead (dated within 90 days prior to application)
- Medical Claim or Statement of Benefits (from private insurance company or public (government) agency, dated within 90 days of application)
- Official mail received from a State, County, City or Village or a Federal Government agency (must include first and last name of applicant and complete current address), may include — Homestead Exemption Receipt; Jury Duty Notice (issued within 90 days of application); Selective Service Card; Social Security Annual Statement; Social Security Disability Insurance Statement; Supplemental Security Income Benefits Statement; Voter Registration Card
- Pay Stub or Electronic Deposit Receipt
- Pension or Retirement Statement
- Phone Book, produced by a phone book publisher
- Report Card from Grade/High School or College/University
- Tuition invoice/official mail from college or university, dated within the 12 months prior to application
- Utility Bill (electric, water, refuse, telephone land/cell, cable or gas, issued within 90 days of application)

Group D documents must contain the applicant's full name and residence address. Documents in Groups A, B or C, that contain the full name and residence address also may be used for Group D.

**After review of all identification presented, Secretary of State management has the right to accept or refuse any document.**

**Both lists — acceptable and unacceptable — are subject to change.**

## Unacceptable Documents

- Bond Receipt or Bail/Bond Card
- Business Card
- Check Cashing Card
- Club/Fraternal Membership Card
- College or University ID Card
- Commercially produced (non-State or unofficial) ID Card
- Concealed Carry Card
- DHS Card or documents (Department of Human Services)
- Fishing License
- HFS Card (Healthcare and Family Services)
- Handwritten ID/Employment Card
- Hunting License
- Illinois FOID Card
- Instruction Permit/Receipt
- Insurance Card
- Library Card
- Personal Mail
- Traffic Citation (Arrest Ticket)
- Unlicensed Financial Institution Loan Papers
- Vehicle Registration
- Video Club Membership Card
- Wallet ID