



How to Get a Massachusetts Driver's License if You are Not a U.S. Citizen

As of July 2023, under the WFMA

- Massachusetts residents who are eligible can apply to get a standard driver's license regardless of immigration status.
- The RMV no longer requires proof of lawful presence. This allows undocumented immigrants the ability to get a standard license.
- Those without a Social Security Number (SSN) can fill out an Affidavit of No SSN to meet the Social Security document requirement.

HOW TO GET YOUR LICENSE

STEP ONE

Apply for a Learner's Permit. Fill in an <u>application</u> online and <u>schedule an appointment</u> to take your Learner's Permit Exam. After doing so, you will receive a text or email allowing you to schedule your appointment. Print your application.

STEP TWO

Study for and take your written Learner's Permit Exam. Go to the RMV where your appointment is scheduled with your application and the required documents. Bring these documents to take your exam:

- · Proof of identity and date of birth
- · Proof of Massachusetts Residency
- · Proof of Social Security Status.

Your exam may be taken in person at the RMV service center where your appointment is or online on your own personal device as long as it meets the <u>requirements</u>.

STEP THREE

Schedule and Take Your Road Test. After you get your Learner's Permit <u>make an appointment</u> <u>for</u> your Road Test. Go to the RMV where your test is scheduled. You must bring a person with a driver's license and a vehicle to drive. The full requirement list can be found on <u>here</u>.

After passing the road test, you will receive a temporary license and your official license will be sent to you in the mail within 14 days.

HOW TO PROVE SOCIAL SECURITY STATUS

There are **three** ways to meet this requirement: Providing a social security number (SSN), a denial letter from the social security administration, or an <u>Affidavit of No SSN</u>.

FEES

Learner's Permit Fee: \$30

Road Test Fee: \$35

License Fee: \$50

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Applicants under 18 must complete a Driver's Education Program.

Any document not in English must be accompanied by a certified translation of that document.

Those without Proof of Lawful Presence cannot apply for a Real ID/DL, but may still apply for a standard ID/Driver's License. A Real ID can be used for federal identification purposes which is why it requires proof of citizenship or lawful presence and a social security number.

Additional guidance in other languages may be found <u>here</u>.

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