

Texas Driver License or Identification Certificate

To Obtain a Texas Driver License, you must go to a Texas Department of Public Safety (see location information at the following link:

http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/administration/driver_licensing_control/rolodex/searchresults.asp)

Take the following items with you:

- Proof of [Identity](#).
- Proof of [Social Security Number](#).
 - (If you do not have a Social Security Number, you will need to complete a Social Security Affidavit (DL-13) form.)
- Proof of Texas vehicle registration and liability insurance, if you own a vehicle.
- Complete required forms available at any [Texas Driver License office](#).
- Pay the [required fee](#). (currently \$24)
- You must Pass the:
 - Written test

You can study the Texas Drivers Handbook at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/ftp/forms/DLhandbook.pdf>.

- Driving test

If you need to practice your driving skills before passing driving test, you must request for an Instruction Permit after you pass written test, which allows a beginning driver to operate a vehicle with someone in the front seat that is 21 years of age or older and holds a valid license. The legal driving age in Texas is 15 years of age, no exceptions.

You must provide a vehicle to take the driving test. You may not drive it to the driving test without a valid license or an Instruction Permit and licensed passenger in the front seat.

- Vision examination which is provided at the Driver License Office
- Application must include photograph and thumbprints; however, thumbprints are not included on the driver license.

Identification Requirements for a Texas Driver License or Identification Certificate

All original applicants for a Texas driver license or identification certificate must present proof of identity satisfactory to the department. All documents must be verifiable by the source that issued the document.

- For F-1 visa status:
 - Social Security Card or SSN Affidavit

- Passport
 - Visa
 - I-94
 - Form I-20
 - ISSSO written verification of attendance at the school
- ❖ For F-1 students on OPT: You must take your Employment Authorization Document (EAD) card along with listed immigration documents. ISSSO cannot provide you verification of attendance after you finish all your coursework. F-1 students may have problems obtaining a Texas Driver License after completion of coursework and before receiving EAD. Please plan ahead of time to avoid this situation.
- For F-2 visa status:
 - Social Security Card or SSN Affidavit
 - Passport
 - Visa
 - I-94
 - Form I-20
 - ISSSO written verification of F-1's school attendance
 - For J-1 visa status:
 - Social Security Card or SSN Affidavit
 - Passport
 - Visa
 - I-94
 - Form DS-2019
 - ISSSO written verification showing proof of employment or enrollment
 - For J-2 visa status:
 - Social Security Card or SSN Affidavit
 - Passport
 - Visa
 - I-94
 - Form DS-2019
 - ISSSO written verification showing J-1's proof of employment or enrollment
 - For H-1/H-4 visa status:
 - Social Security Card or SSN Affidavit
 - Passport
 - Visa
 - I-94
 - Employer's written verification showing proof of H-1B employment.
 - For L-1/L-2 visa status:
 - Social Security Card or SSN Affidavit
 - Passport
 - Visa
 - I-94

- Employer’s written verification showing proof of L-1 employment
- For U.S. Permanent Resident Pending:
 - Social Security Card or SSN Affidavit
 - Immigration documentation indicating status
 - One of the following:
 - Employment Authorization Document (EAD) I-688B or I-766
 - Passport
- For all other temporary immigration statuses:
http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/administration/driver_licensing_control/ImmigrationStat usChart.pdf

Texas Identification Certificate (Texas ID Card)

If you do not plan to get a Texas Driver’s License soon, we recommend that you apply for a Texas ID Card. It is useful when photo identification is needed. You cannot use Texas ID card to drive.

Currently, it costs \$15USD. It is valid for 6 years.

Locations to Apply for Texas Driver License or Texas Identification Certificate

You can go to any Driver License Offices to apply for a license or ID certificate. For Houston offices, see the following link:
http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/administration/driver_licensing_control/rolodex/searchresults.asp

The one closest to the University of Houston is **Houston Winkler**:

Address: 9206 Winkler, HOUSTON, TX 77017

Phone: 713-943-0631

Days and Hours Open:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00 -5:00	8:00 -5:00	8:00 -5:00	8:00 -7:00	8:00 -5:00

Change of Information on Texas Driver License or Identification Card

You are required to notify the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) of an address change or personal information change within 30 days. You need to bring the required documents listed above to Driver License Office.

For more questions, please visit Texas Department of Safety website:
http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/administration/driver_licensing_control/faq/faq.htm.