

Applying for a Driver's License

If you are a resident of New Jersey, you must have a New Jersey driver's license in order to drive a vehicle in the State of New Jersey, or other states.

First-time drivers must complete and pass various tests to obtain a basic license:

- vision test,
- knowledge test and
- road test

The following links will provide you with helpful information regarding the required tests and driving school locations to guide you through the licensing process:

- <http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/Licenses/VisionTest.htm>
- <http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/Licenses/KnowledgeTest.htm>
- <http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/Licenses/RoadTest.htm>

You may use your country's driver license as proof of driving experience if you have an International Driver Permit issued by your country **or** if your country is a member of the United Nations Convention on Road Traffic and your license is translated into English by a consulate or an MVC approved translator. You are not required to surrender your foreign license when MVC issues your New Jersey driver license.

If you are an international student with an (F) visa status you must provide proof by the U.S. Citizen and Immigration Service (USCIS), authorizing your presence in the country such as:

SEVIS Form I-20
Form I-94
Valid foreign passport
Student identification cards
School transcript

In order to obtain the permit and/or drive license, you will need to bring your foreign license and present the documents required to pass the [6 Point ID Verification](#). If you are under 21 years old or have never had a driver license, New Jersey requires that you complete a period of supervised driving before getting a basic driver license.

http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/pdf/Licenses/ident_ver_posterpint.pdf

For more information on the New Jersey driver's license, please visit <http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/Licenses/LicensesNon-Citizens.htm>.