



Instructions for Applying for a Driver's License or State ID

How to Get a Drive's License or State ID

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Decide if you want a Driver's License or State ID

If you are a F, J student, J scholar or H-1B employee and your immigration document is valid **for more than one year** from the date you are applying, you are eligible to apply for a **Pennsylvania Driver's License** or a **Pennsylvania Photo Identification Card**.

A Driver's License will allow you to drive, but you will have to take a written test, a road test, and a medical exam

If you do not need to drive but still want a state-issued ID, you can get the State ID without these tests.



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Review the Chart to See What Documents you Need

DOCUMENTATION / FORMS	F-1 Student	J-1 Student	J-1 Scholar	H-1B
Passport	X	X	X	X
I-94 Card (available at http://www.cbp.gov/i94)	X	X	X	X
Forms I-20 (s)	X			
Employment Authorization Document (EAD), if participating in OPT.*	OPT only			
Forms DS-2019 (s)		X	X	
Forms I-797 (s)				X
Social Security Card, or denial letter from Social Security Office stating that you are not eligible for a Social Security Number.**	X	X	X	X
Two documents verifying your Pennsylvania address (lease agreement, tax documents, current utility bills (water, gas, electric, cable))	X	X	X	X
Driver's License Application Form , with medical exam portion completed by medical professional OR Application for Initial Photo Identification Card .	X	X	X	X

*You cannot get a Driver's License or Photo Identification Card for an OPT participant before the start date listed on the EAD.

** To receive the denial letter, you must visit the social security office. Please use the Social Security Office Locator (<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/locator>) to find the appropriate location and verify hours of operation.

More information can be found at:

<http://www.dot.state.pa.us/Public/DVSPubsForms/BDL/BDL%20Publications/pub%20195nc.pdf>

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Visit the Driver's License Center

Visit a Driver's License Center to submit the required documents and forms.

For additional information, visit <http://www.dmv.state.pa.us/centers/licenseIDCenter.shtml>.

LOCAL DRIVER'S LICENSE LOCATIONS

- ◆ Penn Hills
11620 Kelekit Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15235
- ◆ Downtown (State Office)
708 Smithfield St., Pittsburgh, PA 15222
- ◆ Allison Park
1701 Duncan Ave. Allison Park, PA 15101



DEPENDENTS:

Please take both your immigration document (I-20, DS-2019 or I-797) plus the primary visa holder's immigration document in addition to all other requirements.

If you have any questions, contact OIS at ois@pitt.edu!