

HOW TO OBTAIN A DRIVER'S LICENSE



1. You Will Need:

- A valid passport
- I-94 Print-out (either original or retrieved from www.cbp.gov/I94)
- I-20
- A valid Social Security Card or **denial letter** from Social Security Office
- Proof of Residence Address (e.g. utility bill or bank statement received in the mail with your address printed on it). If you live on campus, the Office of Residential Life can issue you a letter stating your address.
- Class D (passenger) Application Form – found at the RMV or online click on “First Time Learner’s Permit” at this link: <http://www.massrmv.com/OnlineServices.aspx>
- \$35 for the application and road test fee. Review the Driver’s manual from RMV office or download the driver’s manual: <http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/dmanual/>

All applicants are asked to show proof of a Social Security Number. If you do not have a Social Security Number you must obtain a "Denial Letter". A "Denial Letter" can be obtained by visiting any Social Security Office with your passport, I-94 card and I-20 and submitting an application. A representative should issue your "Denial Letter" immediately. You must apply for a driver's license within 10 days of receiving this letter. This is the closest Social Security Office:

Social Security Office in Boston:

O’Neil Federal Building, Room 148
10 Causeway St.,
Boston, MA 02222
M, T, Th, F 9am-4pm, W: 9am-12pm

2. Go to a RMV office, present your documents, pay and take the written exam by computer.

Registry of Motor Vehicles – Watertown, MA

Watertown Mall
550 Arsenal Street
Watertown, MA
(857) 368-8000 or (800) 858-3926
M-F 9am-5pm

3. Once the written exam has been passed, you can schedule a road test within 3 months. Please hold on to your test card because it also serves as your driving permit. The license costs \$50.00 and the road test \$35.00.

State ID Card

If you would like to have a form of identification other than your passport, but do not need a driver's license, you can apply for a non-driver identification card if you have never had a license before. The cost is currently \$25.00 for a State ID card.

Mass ID Requirements:

- You may not hold a valid license in MA or in any other state.
- You must have an identity document (bring your passport, I-20 and I-94).
- You must be able to prove MA residency.
- You must have a valid Social Security number or an acceptable denial letter (with an acceptable visa code).

DRIVING LESSONS AND CARS

If you need to take a road test (a test where you drive and an evaluator rides with you) you will need to provide your own car to do so. If you do not have a car, you will need to rent one or have a friend loan you one. Another option (especially if you have never learned to drive) is to take driving lessons and use the company's car for the road test.