

OBTAINING A LOUISIANA DRIVER'S LICENSE OR STATE ID

PROCEDURE:

Before going to the OMV:

- ✓ **Drivers Education Course:** Before going to the OMV, complete a certified driver's education course (see information below).

At the OMV:

- ✓ **Present all documents listed needed**
- ✓ **Vision Test:** All applicants must pass a vision exam (20/40 minimal acceptable vision)
- ✓ **Written Test:** All applicants must take a computerized test.
 - Road Signs Test (25 questions). 80% passing score
 - Road Rules Test (30 questions). 80% passing score
 - The Study guide for the test is available here: <http://www.expresslane.org/>
- ✓ **Driving Test:**
 - Road Skills Test (15 minutes on the road). 75% passing score
 - Applicants must provide their own car for the test

DOCUMENTS NEEDED:

- ✓ **Passport**
- ✓ **I-94 Form:** (To print your I-94 visit <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/>)
- ✓ **I-20 or DS-2019**
 - **NOTE:** You must have at least 30 days remaining on your immigration document (I-20 or DS-2019), or on you I-94 form (Your grace period does not factor into this calculation)
- ✓ **Social Security Verification:** A Social Security Card **OR** Letter from Social Security Administration stating that the applicant is not eligible for an SSN.
- ✓ **UNO ID Card:** Dependents must be accompanied by the UNO student or scholar and their F-1 or J-1 documents.
- ✓ **UNO Fee Bill or Receipt:** Students must bring evidence that they have paid their UNO feebill for the upcoming semester. This can be printed from webstar. Scholars may present the UNO offer letter or letter of invitation.
- ✓ **Certification of Drivers Education Course:** All applicants, including those with a driver's license from their home country, have to take an approved driver's education course unless you have a valid license from another US state, Germany or Switzerland. The OMV has a reciprocal agreement with these countries only.
- ✓ **Proof of Car Insurance:** Applicants must provide the car that will be used for the road skills test and proof of insurance for this car must be provided.
- ✓ **Proof of Louisiana Residence:** local utility bill in your name, lease, or your school fee bill
- ✓ **Application Fees:** The standard license fee is \$32.25 (a parish fee may exist which will not exceed \$6). **Fees are subject to change.** Please check <http://www.expresslane.org/> for the latest information. **Please Note:** The OMV no longer accepts cash. Acceptable forms of payment include: Debit, Credit, Check, or Money Order. A transaction fee will be assessed for payments made with a credit/debit card.

DRIVERS EDUCATION COURSE:

All Applicants, even those with a driver's license from another country or an international license, have to show a certificate of successful completion of a 14 hour pre-licensing course (6 hours classroom and 8 hours behind the wheel) approved by the Department of Public Safety. Visit the Louisiana OMV website for a list of approved driving schools: [http://dpsweb.dps.louisiana.gov/OMVDrivingSchools.nsf/\\$deccityhtml?OpenView](http://dpsweb.dps.louisiana.gov/OMVDrivingSchools.nsf/$deccityhtml?OpenView)

Note: Due to a reciprocal agreement, students who have a driver's license from another US state or territory, or a German or Swiss driver's license do not need to take the driver's education course, or the driving skills road test. The OMV has reciprocal agreements with these countries only. If you have any of these, you may go directly to the OMV or an auto title company and apply for a Louisiana driver's license.

RECOMMENDED OMV LOCATION:

2150 Westbank Expwy.
Harvey, LA 70058
(504) 361-6222

Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

No Outside Driving Tests
from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
or in rainy weather

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What if I don't have a Social Security Card?

If you are not eligible for a Social Security Card (because you do not or have not previously worked on campus or on OPT/CPT) you should go to the Social Security Office where they will issue you an Ineligibility Letter. This letter is accepted by the OMV in lieu of a S.S. Card

I have a Driver's License from back home – Do I still need to take the driver's education classes?

Yes: As of March 23rd, 2015 internationals with a license from their home country will still need to take an approved driver's education course, unless you have a valid license from another US state, Germany or Switzerland. The OMV has a reciprocal agreement with these countries only.

What if I have a license from another US State?

If you have a driver's license from another US state you do not need to show proof of driver's education or take the road test. The only test you will need to take is the vision test.

I do not have access to a car. How can I take the driving test?

If the applicant does not own a vehicle, or cannot borrow a car you can take the driving skills test at an approved 3rd party tester who will provide a car for the test. These companies charge a fee for taking the test with them.

Check the OMV website for a list of certified 3rd party testers

<https://expresslane.dps.louisiana.gov/Third%20Party%20Tester%20Forms/TPTInfo.aspx>

LOUISIANA STATE ID

I do not want to drive but I would like an official ID. What should I do?

This is a good idea – we do not recommend carrying your passport around with you in case you lose it. If you do not wish to get a driving license you can get an official **Louisiana State ID**. A State ID costs about \$21.00. To get a state ID bring the following documents to the OMV:

- ✓ **Passport & I-94 Form:** (To print your I-94 visit <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/>)
- ✓ **I-20 or DS-2019**
 - **NOTE:** You must have at least 30 days left on your immigration document, or on your I-94 form (Your grace period does not factor into this calculation)
- ✓ **UNO ID Card**
- ✓ **Local utility bill in your name, lease, or UNO Fee Bill or Receipt:** Students must bring evidence that they have paid their UNO fee bill for the upcoming semester. This can be printed from webstar.