OBTAINING A LOUISIANA DRIVER’S LICENSE

DOCUMENTS THAT ARE NEEDED

Immigration and Identity Documents - Passport, I-94 card showing current immigration status, and I-20 or DS 2019 form for students and exchange visitors.  
Note: You must have at least 180 days remaining until the expiration date shown in item 5 of your I-20 form, item 3 on your DS 2019 form or on your I-94 card.

Social Security Verification – Social Security Card OR letter from Social Security Administration stating that the applicant is not eligible for an SSN. It is not necessary to obtain a letter of ineligibility for dependents who are generally not eligible for SSNs. (Note: OISS strongly suggests that you obtain such a letter anyway).

Affiliation with UNO – Current UNO ID card; Students must provide a fee bill showing fees have been paid in full; Scholars may present the UNO offer letter or letter of invitation; Dependents must be accompanied by the UNO student or scholar and their F-1 documents.

Other Licenses – Bring your current international license or the driver’s license from another U.S. state.  If no out-of-country or out-of-state license if available, the applicant must complete a 6-hour pre-licensing course from an approved driving school. (A list of driving schools is available from the Office of Motor Vehicles).

PROCEDURES

Vision Test - All applicants must pass a vision exam (20/40 minimal acceptable vision)

Written Tests - All applicants must take the following computerized tests  
   Road Signs Test (25 questions) 80% passing score  
   Road Rules Test (30 questions) 80% passing score

Applicants may use an English translation dictionary as long as the dictionary is presented prior to taking the test.

The study guide for the written test is available on the website at http://www.expresslane.org/

Driving Test - Some applicants may also be required to take a driving test  
   Road Skills Test (15 minutes on the road) 75% passing score

The applicant must provide the vehicle. If the applicant does not own a vehicle, s/he may borrow one from a friend. We suggest driving it before going for the road test to become familiar with its equipment: lights, horns, blinkers, etc.

The vehicle must have:  
✓ Current registration and license plate  
✓ Current liability insurance  
✓ Current inspection sticker

Application Fees – The Office of Motor Vehicles only accepts cash for the payment of driver’s licenses. Currently fees are approximately $24.50. Please note that fees are subject to change. Please check http://www.expresslane.org/ for the latest information or call 225-925-6146.

Recommended location: 2150 Westbank Expwy. Harvey, LA 70058  
Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
No Outside Driving Tests from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.