Obtaining a Virginia Driver’s License or Identification (ID) Card

Governmental Issuance

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You may hold either a driver’s license or an ID card, but not both.

Applicants that have successfully completed the driver’s license or ID card process will be issued either a temporary driving permit or an ID card receipt valid for 30 days. You will receive a new driver’s license or ID card in the mail. Therefore, your address on file with DMV must be your current mailing address. The U.S. Postal Service will not forward your credential.

In accordance with Va. Code §66-2-328.1, the following are eligible to apply for a driver’s license or ID card:
- Citizens of the United States,
- Legal Permanent Residents of the United States,
- Conditional Resident Aliens of the United States,
- Holders of a valid, unexpired nonimmigrant visa status,
- Individuals with a pending or approved application for asylum in the United States,
- Refugees,
- Individuals with a pending or approved application for temporary protected status in the United States,
- Individuals with approved deferred action status,
- Individuals with a pending application for adjustment of status to legal permanent resident status or conditional resident status.

All first-time licenses issued to individuals under the age of 18 will be sent to the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court in your locality. The court will then notify you when and where to report for your licensing ceremony. A parent or guardian must attend the ceremony with you if you are under age 18 on the date of the ceremony. After completion of the ceremony, the court will distribute the license to you.

Document Requirements

Two proofs of identity
- Two from the primary list, or
- One from the primary and one from the secondary list

Individuals under the age of 19 are required to provide only one proof of identity.

One proof of Virginia residency

One proof of legal presence in U.S.

One proof of your social security number, if applicable
- Required for CDL and Commercial Learner’s Permit
- Not required for an ID card

DMV may require additional documents.

For acceptable documents, see the inside panel of this publication or visit www.dmvNOW.com to use DMV’s interactive document guide.

Minimum Age Requirements

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<th>Age</th>
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<td>Learner’s Permit</td>
<td>Any</td>
<td>$3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Driver’s License</td>
<td>16 years</td>
<td>$30</td>
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Validity Periods, Expiration Dates and Fees

If you are temporarily authorized to be in the U.S., your driver’s license or ID card will be valid only for the period of time that you are legally present in the U.S. Individuals required to register with the Virginia State Police Sex Offender and Crimes Against Children Registry (Virginia Code Chapter 9 of Title 9.1) will be issued licenses valid for five years.

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<tr>
<td>Driver’s License/Instructor Permit</td>
<td>Valid for 8 years (expires on your birthday)</td>
<td>$12 or $4 per year (minimum $20)</td>
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<td>CDL</td>
<td>Valid for 8 years (expires on your birthday)</td>
<td>$12 or $4 per year (minimum $20)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Commercial Learner’s Permit</td>
<td>Valid for 180 days</td>
<td>$12 or $4 per year (minimum $20)</td>
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<td>CDL endorsements*</td>
<td>Expire with CDL</td>
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<td>ID Cards for ages 15 and older</td>
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<td>Motorcycle class</td>
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Document Requirements
Temporary documents and photocopies will not be accepted. All documents must be submitted on or before your scheduled appointment as proof of identity, verification with the issuing entity, which may delay the issuance of your credential.
If you have official documentation, not listed below, that will prove your identity, please present it to your local DMV office for review.

DMV will not accept a document when there is reason to believe it has been altered, fraudulently obtained or is, forged, counterfeited, or otherwise non-genuine or illegible. DMV cannot accept documents showing a Virginia address if your legal name change.

This list of acceptable documents may change without prior notice.

Proof of Identity
Documents submitted as primary proof of identity must show your full legal name and date of birth. You may present more than one document from the primary list of documents. The second proof of identity may come from either the primary list or the secondary list.

Document Requirements

Proof of Virginia Residency

Active duty military member assigned to a unit based in Virginia may present one of the following:
• Letter from commanding officer on official letterhead, with an official signature, stating that the applicant resides onboard a ship docked in Virginia or in a barracks located in Virginia.
• Letter from the U.S. Department of Defense Certification (DD-214) showing Virginia as the applicant’s Home of Record.
• Orders from the U.S. military assigning the applicant to a military unit stationed in Virginia.

Note: Spouse or dependents accompanying the active duty military member may present an unexpired military dependent ID card, which is assigned by the active duty military member to a military unit with a Virginia address.

Proof of Social Security Number (SSN)
Virginia law requires DMV to collect your social security number (SSN) when you apply for a Virginia credential. DMV will assign a customer number which will display on your credential.

Your proof of SSN document must display your name, and all nine digits of your SSN must match the SSN security numbers on the Social Security Administration (SSA). If the information (name, date of birth, and SSN) does not match exactly, the application will be denied.

Applicants under age 19 can have a parent or legal guardian certify their Virginia residency. The parent or legal guardian must appear in person with the applicant and provide an ID card and proof of Virginia residency for the applicant.

= Deed, mortgage, monthly mortgage statement or rental lease/agency agreement.
= U.S. or Virginia income tax return form from the previous year along with evidence of acceptance of the return by the appropriate tax agency.
= Virginia driver’s license or ID card issued more than six months ago. Applicant must present the first page of their Virginia driver’s license or ID card with the applicant’s signature, date of birth, expiration date, photo, and Virginia address. Examples include gas, electric, sewer, water, or phone bill. (Cellular phone and pager bills are not acceptable.)
= U.S. passport or U.S. passport card (Expires under 10 years).
= Unexpired or expired U.S. passport or U.S. passport card
= Unexpired I-94W

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