

Option 1: Temporary Visitor Driver's License

The Illinois Secretary of State's Office issues a "Temporary Visitor Driver's License" (TVDL) for non-citizens of the United States who have been granted temporary legal entry into this country, temporarily residing in the State of Illinois, and are ineligible for a Social Security Number.

TO BE ELIGIBLE YOU MUST:

- Be a non-citizen of the United States and residing in the State of Illinois
- Be authorized by USCIS to be present in the country
- Be ineligible for a Social Security number (see #6)
- Be authorized to be in the country for at least one year and have at least six months remaining on the authorized stay

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- 1) **Proof of Name and Birthdate**
 - Valid Passport or Consular Card (issued by an approved country)
- 2) **Proof of length of Stay**
 - I-20/DS-2019 or H-1B Approval notice
- 3) **Proof of Written Signature** (provide one document from list below)
 - Valid passport, Consular Card (issued by an approved country), Cooperative Driver Certificate (HS Driver Ed), Court Order, Credit Card (American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or Visa), US Federal, State or Local Government ID card, Mortgage/Installment Loan Agreement, Current out of State Driver's license/ID, or Mexican Electoral Card
- 4) **Proof of Residency** (Provide two documents from list below)
 - Certified school transcripts, bank statement (issued within the last 90 days), deed/Title, Mortgage, rental/lease agreement, insurance policy (homeowner's or renter's), medical claim or statement of benefits from, private insurance company or government, official mail received from state, county, city, village, or federal agency (must include first and last name of the applicant and current address), tuition invoice or other official mail from school, utility bill (electric, water, telephone, etc.), or report card from school
- 5) **Proof of Name Change** (if applicable)
 - Court order or Marriage certificate

TVDL GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Application is by appointment only
 - Online www.cyberdriveillinois.com
 - Call 855-236-1155
- Fee to apply is \$30 (plus \$5 for motorcycle)
- Applicants are required to pass the vision, written, and road exams. Please see the "[Rules of the Road](#)" for details on Illinois laws.
- TVDL only valid if driver has car insurance
- TVDL will be printed and mailed to the applicant after the application is verified
- TVDL is valid for three years or length of stay in the US (whichever is shorter)
- TVDL may be used for driving purposes only, not valid for identification
- Individuals eligible for TVDL may obtain an instruction permit allowing them to practice driving before taking the road exam. To obtain this permit the applicant must visit one of the designated TVDL facilities and meet the requirements for obtaining a TVDL license

TVDL FACILITY LOCATIONS

339 E Indian Trail
Aurora, IL 60505

7358 W 87th St.
Bridgeview, IL 60455

5401 N Elston Ave.
Chicago, IL 60630

9901 S Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Chicago, IL 60628

5301 W Lexington St.
Chicago, IL 60644

931 W 75th St., Suite 161
Naperville, IL 60565

595 S State
Waukegan, IL 60085

201 S Joyce Road
Joliet, IL 60435

617 S Green Bay Road
Waukegan, IL 60085

OPTION 2: ILLINOIS DRIVERS LICENSE

- If you have a U.S. Social Security Number, you qualify for a Driver's License, and may apply at any Illinois Secretary of State Driver Services Office location by presenting four forms of identification: (A) written signature; (B) Proof of Date of Birth; (C) Social Security Number; and (D) Residency. Please click here for a list of [acceptable forms of identification](#).
- If you are a first time driver and would like to practice driving before taking the behind-the-wheel driving test, you may apply for a [12-Month Instruction Permit](#).
- All applicants must also pass a written test. Please see the "[Rules of the Road](#)" for details on Illinois laws.

OPTION 3: DRIVING WITH A FOREIGN LICENSE IN ILLINOIS

- According to Illinois law, students attending Illinois universities with a valid license from their home country are not required to obtain an Illinois driver's license. However, there is a high probability that you encounter a police officer that is unfamiliar with policies about foreign drivers. If you will not obtain an Illinois driver's license or TVDL, it is recommended that you keep a copy of The Illinois Rules of the Road book in your car to reference this policy (listed on page 3).