

Driver License Offices

Street Address	Phone Number	Office Hours	Comments
2900 Apalachee Pkwy, Rm B133 32399 Map to location	(850) 617-2000	Mon-Fri 8am-5pm	No driving tests given at this location. Cash, Check, MasterCard, Discover Card, or American Express Accepted
2810 Sharer Road 32312 Map to location	(850) 488-4735	Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm	Reinstatements only.
870 Blountstown Highway, Suite A 32304 Map to location	(850) 488-4735	Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm	
3477 South Monroe Street 32301 Map to location	(850) 488-4735	Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm	Driving tests by appointment only
3425 Thomasville Road # 19 32312 Map to location	(850) 488-4735	Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm	

Locations:

<http://www.flhsmv.gov/offices/leon.html>

For more information or to make an appointment on line:

<http://www.flhsmv.gov/>

**Driver's License office and Tax collector Agency for registration, tag and title service*

We recommend that you visit the Apalachee Parkway branch office.

Directions: This office is located near the corner of Capital Circle SE and Apalachee Parkway n the Neil Kirkman Bldg. across from the McDonald's.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Fees: (subject to change)

To obtain your first Florida Driver's License	\$27.00
Driver License Renewal	\$20.00
Replacement License	\$10.00
Replacement for Stolen License	Free (If you file a police report)
Florida ID card (original, renewal or replacement)	\$10.00

Payment Types Accepted:

Call the specific office to ask. Generally, they accept cash, check, Mastercard, Discover Card or American Express but **not VISA**.

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International Driver's Permit (IDP)

Florida honors a valid foreign driver's license, generally in combination with an international driving permit. An international driver's permit can only be obtained from your home country and is issued for a year. It is a translation of your license which serves to verify that you hold a valid driver's license in your home country. **Both the IDP and your foreign license have to be valid (unexpired).**

Contact the authorities in your country to get an international driving permit, as the United States does NOT issue IDPs to foreign visitors.

Before your foreign license or IDP expires, you must apply for a FL driver's license. For car owners, a good reason to obtain a Florida License as soon as possible is that insurance rates are usually less expensive for a Florida license holder. This is because your local Driver's Record determines your insurance rates.

U.S Driver's License

When applying for a learner's permit, driver's license, or ID card you must provide the following documentation for your specific visa category:

- **F-1:** I-94, I-20, passport, visa, and Employment Authorization Document (EAD)/OPT card, if applicable, OR, if EAD is not available, the original copy of the receipt
- **F-2:** dependent's I-94, I-20, passport and visa
- **J-1:** DS 2019, I-94, passport and visa
- **J-2:** DS 2019, I-94, passport and visa.; Employment Authorization Document (EAD) if applicable, OR if EAD is not available, the original copy of the receipt

Beginning October 1, 2008, a new law came into effect which lists additional requirements for those applying for a new driver's license or renewing a driver's license:

- An applicant must show their U.S. Social Security (SS) card or proof that they have one such as a W-2 tax form or pay slip with the SS number printed on it. Those who

have applied for a SS number and are waiting for their card can show the receipt that they applied for one.

- Those who have never been issued a U.S. Social Security number and are currently not eligible for one (no eligible employment) are required to show proof that they do not have an SS Number. Such proof can be obtained by going to the Social Security Office. Students would complete an application for a Social Security number (even if not eligible for one). A Social Security officer will then provide a letter of denial which then serves as the proof that students present to the Driver's License office.
- Note that you must also submit two (2) documents that show your principal residence (e.g., a utility bill and phone bill with your name and address).

<http://www.flhsmv.gov/ddl/faqkeys.html>

NOTES:

- Any non-immigrant who needs a renewal, or replacement driver license or identification card must apply in person at a driver license office, with identification and legal presence documents.
- For renewals: If you do not have the required documents showing legal presence, your driver license or I.D. card will be retained and a receipt issued. If you have an unexpired driver license, you will be issued a 30-day temporary permit. When you return with the required documentation, you will be processed for a renewal or replacement license and the expiration date will be changed to the expiration date on your USCIS document.
- All passports, and employment authorization cards presented as proof of identification or legal presence must be valid. Expired documents will not be accepted.
- Transfer Students with a driver's license from another state should apply for a Florida License within 30 days of moving to Florida. Florida does have low auto insurance rates.
- Although the Florida DHSMV does not accept out-of-state licenses or ID as primary identification, they are

accepted to reciprocate for driver license exams. You will not be required to take the exams again, unless special conditions prevail; for example, if the driver demonstrates something that indicates they may not be able to safely drive a vehicle. You will still need to take the vision and hearing tests.

- You must report any change of address within 10 days of changing your residence.

How Long Will Your License be Valid?

- The expiration date of your I-20 or DS 2019 will be the expiration date on the driver's license if your program is less than one year (see I-20/DS-2019 end date).
- If your program is longer than one year, your driver's license will expire one year after the date of issuance and will then need to be renewed.
- If you are in your 60 day grace period, you may request an extension to cover the 60-day grace period.

Tests:

The following tests are given at driver license offices.

- **Hearing** - Drivers applying for a license who are deaf, or cannot hear conversation spoken in a normal tone of voice, are restricted to driving with an outside rearview mirror which should be mounted on the left side of the vehicle, or wearing of a hearing aid.
- **Vision** - Vision testing, using an eye machine located on the counter is conducted in all driver license offices. Visual acuity readings worse than 20/40 are referred to an eye specialist. Color blindness will not cause any special condition for licensing.
- **Road Signs** - consists of 20 questions regarding road signs, with multiple choice answers.
- **Road Rules** - consists of 20 questions regarding traffic laws and safety, with multiple choice answers.
- **Driving Test** - You must provide a vehicle for the driving test. The vehicle must have a valid tag, proof of insurance, and pass a vehicle inspection. During the driving test, the examiner will observe your ability to control the vehicle and how well you obey traffic laws.

The Florida Driver Handbook is available at the IC Front Desk, your local DHSMV office or online at:

<http://www.flhsmv.gov/handbooks/>

