



How to obtain a Massachusetts Driver's License for Immigrants

The Work and Family Mobility Act is now officially law in Massachusetts and will become effective in July 2023. **Beginning in July 2023, Massachusetts residents can apply for a standard driver's license, regardless of immigration status.** While waiting for the law to come into effect, you can prepare by learning about the process and obtaining the necessary documents.

What Are The Requirements for a Standard Massachusetts Driver's License?

Be at least

16+ years old



Documents that prove your identity and state residency



Pass a Learner's Permit written exam



Pass a Road Test

What Documents Do I Need?

Proof of identity and date of birth:

- One document from **List A** and One document from **List B**.

*At least one document must include a photo and at least one document must include the date of birth.

*Foreign documents must have a certified English translation.

List A:

- Foreign passport that is unexpired.
- Consular identification document that is unexpired.

List B:

- Driver's license from any US state or territory that is unexpired;
- Foreign birth certificate that is original or certified;
- Foreign national ID card that is unexpired;
- Foreign driver's license that is unexpired;
- Marriage certificate or divorce decree issued by a US state or territory.

Proof of Massachusetts Residency:

** [More information about documents and how recent they must be.](#)*

One document from the list below that shows you live in Massachusetts:

- A Massachusetts RMV- issued document.
- Letter from a state/federal/municipal/city/town/county agency.
- Utility bill, credit card statement, medical/hospital statement, or cellphone bill.
- Current lease/mortgage or similar rental contract.
- Financial-related documents including pay stub, W-2 wage, and tax information.
- School-issued documents including letter from school, transcript, proof of enrollment.
- Car insurance, renter's insurance, or homeowner's insurance policy for the current year.

Social Security Denial Letter or Social Security Number

If you have a Social Security number, provide it. If you do not have a Social Security Number you must get a "Denial Letter" from the Social Security Administration. The date of the letter must be less than 60 days old when you apply for your license.

How Do I Apply for a Standard Massachusetts Driver's License?

Remember - you cannot apply under the new law until July 2023!

Start your application [online](#) and schedule a Class D learner's permit exam at your local [RMV Service Center](#). There is a \$30 application fee.

- **The exam is available in 34 languages.** To pass, you must finish in 25 minutes and have at least 18 correct answers out of 25.
- The learner's permit exam tests your understanding of Massachusetts motor vehicle laws and safe driving practices. A learner's permit gives you permission to drive while you practice your driving skills and prepare for your road test.
- After you obtain a learner's permit, you must take and pass a road test to obtain your driver's license. If you are under 18 years of age, you must meet all [junior operator requirements](#).

Additional Resources

Download and study the [Class D driver's manual](#) and practice the learner's permit exam.