

Applying for an Alabama Driver License or Non-driver Identification Card

Driver or Learner License (age 16 and older)

- Two forms of identification, at least one of which contains a photograph (one form must be from the “primary” list, in addition to the Social Security card) *or* three forms of non-photo identification (one form must be from the “primary” list, in addition to the Social Security card).
- Social Security card.*
- Acceptable school enrollment form or proof of graduation (if younger than 19 and applying for the first time).**
- \$5 test fee (no checks).
- Applicants 18 or older who wish to complete all testing for a license must have a licensed driver, proof of car insurance and a vehicle that will pass inspection.
- \$23.50 to purchase license (no checks).

Learner License (age 15)

- U.S. birth certificate (certified and issued by the Bureau of Vital Statistics (NO PHOTOCOPIES)).
- Social Security card.*
- Acceptable proof of school enrollment or graduation.**
- \$5 testing fee (no checks).
- \$23.50 to purchase license (no checks).

CDL or CDL Learner License Applicants

- Current driver license.
- Social Security card.*
- If transferring from out of state, applicant must present one document from the “primary” list (in addition to the Social Security number document).
- Current Department of Transportation long medical form (unless medically exempt).
- \$25 testing fee (no checks).
- Transportation Security Administration background check if transferring or obtaining a hazardous materials endorsement.
- If not a U.S. citizen, applicant must legally be in permanent status in the United States and domiciled in Alabama.
- Skills test if upgrading a license or first-time applicant (test by appointment only; \$20 skills test fee).
- Proof of insurance.
- \$53.50 to purchase class “A” license.
- \$43.50 to purchase class “B” license.
- \$23.50 to purchase class “C” license.
- \$23.50 to purchase commercial learner license.
- \$23.50 to purchase “school bus only” license.

Motor-Driven Cycle License (ages 14 and 15)

- U.S. birth certificate (certified and issued by the Bureau of Vital Statistics (NO PHOTOCOPIES)),
or
Alabama non-driver identification card *or* Alabama vessel license.
- Social Security card.*
- Third form of identification from “secondary” list (if other identification is nonphoto).
- Fifteen-year-old applicants must have acceptable proof of school enrollment or graduation.**
- \$5 testing fee (no checks).
- \$23.50 to purchase motor-driven cycle license (no checks).
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Out-of-State License Transfers

- Out-of-state driver license.
- Social Security card.*
- One item from “primary” list, in addition to the Social Security card.
- Proof of school enrollment or graduation (if younger than 19).**
- \$5 transfer fee (no checks).
- \$23.50 to purchase license (no checks).
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Vessel License (age 12 and older)

- U.S. birth certificate (certified and issued by the Bureau of Vital Statistics (NO PHOTOCOPIES)).
- Social Security card.*
- One other item from “secondary” list.
- \$5 for test or transfer fee (no checks).
- \$23.50 to purchase license.

Non-Driver Identification Card

- One document from the “primary list” which verifies name and date of birth.
- Social Security card.*
- Third form of identification from the “primary” or “secondary” lists (required only if primary document is non-photo).
- \$23.50 to purchase non-driver identification card.

Non-U.S. Citizens

- A valid foreign passport with an acceptable visa *or* resident alien card.
- Social Security number verification* *or* letter from Social Security stating non-eligibility.
- Document from the “secondary” list authorizing presence in the U.S. for more than 160 days.
- \$5 test or transfer fee plus cost of license (no checks).

*Social Security Verification

- Social Security card (original).
- Certified letter on letterhead from the Social Security Administration stating applicant’s name and number.
- U.S. military identification card.
- U.S. military form DD 214.
- Medicare/Medicaid identification card (if Social Security number is followed by the letter “A”).
- W2 tax form.

****School Enrollment Documents**

- Form DL1/93.
- Certificate of graduation.
- GED certificate.
- Certified letter from school officials stating student is enrolled.

Acceptable Forms of Identification (Primary and Secondary)

- **A Social Security card is required of all applicants who have been assigned and/or are eligible for the assignment of a Social Security number by the Social Security Administration.**

Primary Documents

- Certified U.S. birth certificate issued by an agency designated by state or federal authority.
- U.S. passport.
- Alabama identification card.
- Alabama driver license.
- Certificate of naturalization.
- Certificate of citizenship.
- U.S. certificate of birth abroad.
- Resident alien card.
- Valid foreign passport with valid U.S. immigration document.

Secondary Documents

- U.S. state-issued driver license or non-driver ID card.
- Current international driver license/permit.
- Marriage license.
- U.S. armed forces driver license.
- U.S. military DD-214.
- Professional license issued by a state or federal agency.
- Selective Service card.
- Veterans Administration card.
- Current medical insurance identification card.
- U.S. military ID card.
- ID card issued by school with photo.
- School enrollment form (DL-1/93).
- Certified school record:
 - Certified letter from school;
 - GED certificate;
 - Certificate of graduation.
- W-2 tax form, along with copy of previous year's filed forms (tax return).
- Documents from court of record:
 - Divorce decree;
 - Adoption decree;
 - Name-change decree;
 - Bankruptcy decree.
- Probation or release documents issued by state or federal department of correction with photo ID card issued by the same authority, or felon ID card issued by the sheriff of the county of the applicant's release.

Additional Secondary Documents for Non-U.S. Citizens

- Employment authorization document with valid Social Security card.
- Valid visa (with supporting documents) authorizing presence in the United States for a period exceeding 160 days.
- Valid I-94 arrival/departure record issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.
- Original I-797 (notice of action) issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, showing approval of change of status or extension of stay.
- Original I-797 (notice of action) issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, evidencing timely filing of an extension petition.