

DRIVER LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

All non-U.S. citizens must obtain a U.S. driver's license if they wish to drive in the metro area. Students and scholars may not drive with an out-of-country license beyond 60 days of residence in the District of Columbia, Virginia or Maryland.

The following is a summary of general requirements for obtaining a driver's license in DC, VA, or MD. For complete instructions and a list of acceptable documents, visit the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) website corresponding to your place of residence. Only original documents will be accepted.

Location	Proof of Identity (name & DOB)	Proof of Legal Presence	Proof of Local Residency	Proof of Social Security Number (SSN)	Additional Requirements May Include...
District of Columbia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Vision screening Knowledge exam Road skills test * Letter from Social Security Administration indicating ineligibility may be used
Maryland	Yes	No	Yes	Yes*	Vision screening Knowledge exam Road skills test 3-Hour Drug and Alcohol Education Program Scheduled appointment (call: 1-800-950-1682) * Letter from Social Security Administration indicating ineligibility may be used
Virginia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Vision screening Knowledge exam Road skills test * Letter from Social Security Administration indicating ineligibility may be used

District of Columbia Department of Motor Vehicles (D.C. DMV)

http://www.dmv.washingtondc.gov/serv/dlicense/get_DL.shtm (Applying for a license)

http://www.dmv.washingtondc.gov/serv/dlicense/get_non_us_citizen_outofstate_dl.shtm.shtm (Converting an out-of-country license)

<http://www.dmv.washingtondc.gov/info/dropbox.shtm> (Service center locations)

Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA)

<http://www.marylandmva.com/DriverServ/Apply/license.htm> (Applying for a license)

<http://www.marylandmva.com/Resources/DL-197.pdf> (Converting an out-of-country license)

<http://www.marylandmva.com/LOCATION/default.asp> (Service center locations)

Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

<http://www.dmv.virginia.gov/webdoc/citizen/drivers/applying.asp> (Applying for a license)

<http://www.dmvnow.com/webdoc/pdf/dmv141.pdf> (Acceptable documents)

<http://www.dmv.state.va.us/webdoc/utilities/offices.asp> (Service center locations)

Please note: All motor vehicles must be registered and all drivers must be insured. Registration and insurance requirements vary according to state, so please contact the DMV in your state of residence for more information on these requirements.