

Driver's License & State

We recommend that you get a Florida Driver's License or State ID Card while studying and living in Florida. These forms of identification can be used in place of your passport when required to show a "government issued ID". Using one of these means that you can leave your passport safely at home and reduce the risk of loss or theft of your passport.

NOTE: You must wait at least 10 calendar days after classes begin to apply for your driver's license!

Steps to get a "Class E" driver's license

1. Traffic Law and Substance Abuse Education Exam

- Required for anyone who has never had a driver's license before (in any country). If you have a driver's license from any other US state, you **do not** need to need to complete this exam. Results are automatically sent to the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (HSMV), but be sure to print your Certificate.

2. Study for written knowledge test. Download the Florida Driver Handbook at

<https://www.flhsmv.gov/pdf/handbooks/englishdriverhandbook.pdf>

3. Make your appointment online for written and driving exams; print confirmation pages

Select a location at <https://www.flhsmv.gov/locations/palm-beach/> to make your appointments

Required documents

- Proof of identity and date of birth
 - Social Security Number or Letter from the Social Security Administration showing that you are ineligible for a Social Security Number. You can contact the Social Security Office at 1-800-772-1213 or visit the local Social Security Office in person to obtain the letter of ineligibility at: 621 NW 53rd Street, Suite 400, Boca Raton, FL 33487
 - Passport
 - F-1 visa
 - I-20
 - I-94 (print at <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/#/home>). Click on "Get most recent I-94"
- Driver's license from home country (if applicable)
- 2 forms of proof of residential address
 - Your Area Coordinator can create a letter of residency if you're living on campus
 - Other forms include: a utility bill, paycheck stub, credit card or bank statement, lease agreement
- \$48.00 fee in the form of cash, credit card (except Visa) or check for exact amount
- Checks should be made payable to Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
- Confirmation print-outs of your appointment(s) (if applicable) and certificate from Traffic Law and Substance Abuse Education Program exam

4. Pass both written and driving exams

- You must bring your own car or a friend's car with proof of insurance and registration to take the test

See reverse for FL ID Card information and HSMV locations

Florida State ID Card

How to get a Florida state ID card

A state ID card is a “government issued ID” that you can use in place of your passport in many situations.

Take the following documents to a driver’s license office (HSMV)

- Proof of identity and date of birth
 - Passport
 - F-1 visa
 - I-20
 - I-94 (print at <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/#/home>) Click on “get most recent I-94”
- 2 forms of proof of residential address
 - Your Area Coordinator can create a letter of residency if you’re living on campus
 - Other forms include: a utility bill, paycheck stub, credit card or bank statement, lease agreement
- \$25.00 fee in the form of cash, credit card (except Visa) or check for exact amount
 - Checks should be made payable to Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
- No tests are required for a state ID card

Resources for both Driver’s Licenses and ID Cards

Nearest HSMV Location

Palm Beach County:

501 South Congress Avenue
Delray Beach, FL 33445
Phone: 561-355-2264

4215 S. Military Trail
Lake Worth, FL 33463
Phone: 561-355-2264

Helpful Websites

General information

<https://www.flhsmv.gov/driver-licenses-id-cards/>

HSMV Locations & Appointments

<https://www.flhsmv.gov/locations/palm-beach/>

Florida Driver’s Handbook

<https://www.flhsmv.gov/resources/handbooks-manuals/>

Local driving school

<http://avantiautodrivingschool.com/>

Driving schools in Florida

<http://www.dmvflorida.org/traffic-school.shtml>