



Getting a Massachusetts Driver's License



<http://www.mass.gov/rmv/license/5classd.htm>

What to do?

Firstly, it is advised that you learn as much as you can through a MA Registry of Motor Vehicles (MRV) office or their website at www.state.ma.us/rmv. Here you can learn about the different classes of licenses and the requirements needed to obtain each. Most students obtain a class D license. There is an MRV office in Worcester at 611 Main Street. It is open Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm and until 7:00 pm on Thursdays.

1. Apply for the Class D permit.

- a. Documentation requirements if you are 18 years of age or older you must present the following: (Please visit the RMV website if you are younger than 18 years of age.)
 - i. SSN Card or denial letter. (If you do not have one, you should apply for one and wait until you get it before you go to the Registry. For people who are *not* eligible for a Social Security Number, it is necessary to APPLY for a Social Security Number and ask for a letter stating that the Social Security Administration denied the request. That denial letter must be submitted to the Registry instead of the Social Security Number and be dated within 30 days of submission.)
 - ii. Passport proving date of birth.
 - iii. Document proving signature (cancelled bank check dated within 60 days or lease agreement)
 - iv. Document proving Massachusetts residency (Bank statement, lease agreement, or certificate of attendance form the Office of International Students and Scholars)
 - **Note:** You must submit a separate document to satisfy each of the four documentation requirements. All documents must be originals. Photocopies will not be accepted.
- b. **Other Forms:** It is also advised that you take your I-20 or DS-2019 Form and I-94 card, although these cannot be used as proof of identification.
- c. **Written Test:** You will be taking a driving written test. The test is given on an automated testing system on a walk-in basis during posted branch hours. The written test consists of twenty (20) questions. You must answer fourteen (14) questions correctly to pass. You should review the Driver's Manual found on RMV website. At the time of your written test, you must also pass an eye screening for field vision and basic colors.

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- d. **Permit application:** You must complete the permit application. This form can be found at any [RMV service office](#) or you may download it from their [Forms and Files](#) page.
- e. **Fee:** You must pay a \$30 dollar fee. Cash, check or credit card is accepted.
- f. **Limitations on Class D Permit:** You may only operate a vehicle when accompanied by a licensed operator. A licensed operator is a person who is duly licensed by his or her home state, has at least one (1) year of driving experience, is at least 21 years of age and holds a valid license for the class of vehicle being driven. Your permit MUST be with you while you are operating the vehicle.

2. To Obtain your Class D License:

- a. **Scheduling a Road Test:** All road tests must be scheduled by the RMV [Telephone Center](#) (866-627-7768). You may NOT make a road test appointment in person.
- b. **Vehicle requirements for Class D road tests:** For all road tests, you are required to supply a properly equipped, legally registered and insured vehicle that has a valid inspection sticker. The vehicle must be acceptable to the examiner. The examiner must be able to reach the vehicle's emergency brake or foot brake. Any vehicle with a center console that does not have an emergency brake as part of the console cannot be used. If the vehicle is rented, you must provide the rental agreement and written permission on the rental company's letterhead authorizing use of the vehicle for a road test.
- c. **Sponsor Requirements:** To take the road test, you must bring a sponsor who is at least 21 years old, has at least one (1) year of driving experience and possesses a valid driver's license issued by his or her home state. Foreign license holders are not eligible to be sponsors.
- d. **Permit Requirements:** You must successfully complete the road test before the expiration date on your permit. You must present your stamped and signed permit to get your license.
- e. **Road test application:** You must present a completed road test application. This form can be found at any [RMV service office](#) or you may download it from their [Forms and Files](#) page.
- f. **Fees:** You must pay a fee of \$20 for the road test and \$40 to issue a new Class D license.