Getting a Massachusetts Identification Card

If you do not have a driver’s license but wish to have another form of identity, the RMV can issue one of two official identification cards: the Massachusetts ID and the Massachusetts Liquor ID. These cards look similar to a driver’s license, but do not extend any driving privileges. They can be used as an official form of identity, signature, and age.

Applying for a Massachusetts ID

In order to apply for a Massachusetts ID, visit any full-service RMV office, such as the office in Worcester. Requirements to apply for a Massachusetts ID include:

- You must be at least 14 years of age
- You may not hold a valid license in any state (including Massachusetts)
- You must be a resident of Massachusetts

The documents you need to apply, all of which must be originals and not copies, include:

- Document proving date of birth (such as a Certificate of Attendance with DOB from the International House)
- Document proving signature (such as a passport with visa, I-94, and I-20 OR DS-2019)
- Document proving Massachusetts residency (such as a lease or a printed bank statement with your address)
- A Social Security Number (SSN) OR an acceptable Denial Notice form the Social Security Administration.

If presenting a Denial Notice, you must also bring:

- Proof of visa status
- I-94
- Current non-U.S. Passport

Upon arrival at the RMV, you will be required to fill out the ID Card Application and pay a $25 fee. After successfully applying, you will be given a temporary ID card, which is valid for 30 days, until your permanent card is mailed to you. The Massachusetts ID cards expire every 5 years.

Applying for a Massachusetts Liquor ID

If you are over the age of 21, you can apply for a Massachusetts Liquor ID, which allows you to order or purchase alcohol. Aside from being at least 21 years of age, the steps, requirements, and information regarding the Liquor ID are exactly the same as the Massachusetts ID listed above.

Acceptable Documentation

For a list of acceptable forms of identification, including what you can use to prove you are a Massachusetts Resident, your Date of Birth, and your Signature, go here: http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/license/AcceptableId.pdf

RMV Location and Hours

The Registry of Motor Vehicles branch in Worcester is located at 611 Main Street. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm, and Thursday from 10:00am to 6:00pm.

For more information, visit the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles at www.massrmv.com

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