

# 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. You can not obtain a State ID card if you already have a Massachusetts Driver's License.

## Applying for a Massachusetts ID

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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 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 bank statement or cell phone bill less than 60 days old, or a lease that was signed less than 12 months ago)
- 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.

**NOTE:** RMV regulations require that visa holders must be authorized to stay in the United States for more than 12 months into the future from the RMV application date in order to be eligible to apply for a Massachusetts State ID. This would be based on either your "Program End Date" on your I-20 form, "Form Covers Period - To" date on your DS-2019, or your end date on your OPT EAD card.

## Applying for a Massachusetts Liquor ID

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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.

## RMV Location and Hours

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The **Worcester** RMV branch is located at 611 Main Street. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm.

For more information, visit the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles at [www.massrmv.com](http://www.massrmv.com)