



Applying for an Illinois Driver's License

This is a basic guide to assist through the process of applying for your Illinois State Driver's License. If you need more detailed information please review the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) website at www.cyberdriveillinois.com/ or the *Rules of the Road* booklet.

Please be aware that at times the DMV will not be able to process your application directly in their location. When you present the correct documents to the DMV they will process your information into their system. If the immigration screen does not allow them to process further then they will then copy all of your documents and send to Department of Homeland Security (DHS) further processing. This clearance check can take up to approximately 8 weeks.

*Note the DMV is obligated to ask each applicant if they would like to register to vote. Your response must be **no**, as it is illegal for you to register to vote when you are not a citizen of the United States. If you say yes, it could lead to problems for future visa or Permanent Resident applications.

To receive a driver's license at the age of 18 or older you must:

- Be authorized to be in the country for at least one year and have at least six months remaining on an authorized stay;
- Visit the DMV (address and hours below);
- Surrender licenses and/permits from other states;
- Present proper identification documents listed below.
- Present Liability Insurance Card (if taking drive exam);
- Pass the appropriate exams (review the Rules of the Road book);
 - Type of Exams: vision, written and/or behind-the-wheel driving exam.
- Pay the appropriate fee via cash, check or Discover, Master Card, American Express credit cards.

Documents to present:

- Passport
- Original I-20 showing your entry to the U.S.
 - If you have transferred to the University of Illinois directly from another school in the U.S. you must show both your prior school's I-20 used for entry to the U.S. and your University of Illinois I-20.
 - If you lost your original I-20 you should apply for a replacement I-20 from ISSS; the new I-20 will be reprinted with a notation of "Replace Lost I-20". The DMV may collect copies of all your documents and send for review to DHS.
 - I-94 print out
- TWO items from the following list to show Proof of Address:
 - Lease agreement with address listed, your name and signature of the landlord
 - Utility Bill (electric, water, cell phone, etc., issued within 90 days of application)
 - Tuition invoice/official mail from college or university dated within 12 months prior to application
 - Renter's insurance policy

****NO PERSONAL MAIL ACCEPTED****

Champaign Driver's License Office: 2012 Round Barn Road, Champaign, IL 61820

Office Hours:	<i>CLOSED Sunday and Monday</i>
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.