

# How to Obtain a WA State ID Card or Driver's License

## Where Do I Apply for a WA State ID Card or Driver's License?

The Department of Licensing is the official office where you can apply and obtain a state ID card or driver's license. Visit the Department of Licensing website to find a location closest to you at: [www.dol.wa.gov/officelocations.html](http://www.dol.wa.gov/officelocations.html) . The following are locations nearest to UW Bothell:

- Lynnwood  
Phone: (425) 672-3406  
18023 Hwy 99 N Suite E  
Lynnwood, WA 98037-4492
- Everett  
Phone: (425) 356-2967  
5313 Evergreen Way  
Everett, WA 98203-3631
- Bellevue  
Phone: (425) 649-4282  
13133 Bel-Red Road  
Bellevue, WA 98005

## What Documents Do I Need to Bring With Me?

Additional documents may be required depending on if you will apply for a state ID card or driver's license – please visit <http://www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/idproof.html#identity> .

However, for both applications you must bring the following:

1. ***Documents to Prove Your Identity***

This includes your valid passport, valid visa, current I-94 card and valid I-20.

2. ***Documents Providing Your Local Address***

You must provide documents that verify that you live in Washington state. This can include:

**\*Home utility bill** (gas, electric, water, garbage, land-line telephone). Not acceptable: cable, internet, or TV bills.

**\*Bank issued documents issued within the last 30 days that include your local address** (this can include an account statement or credit card statement)

**\*Vehicle Title** (If you own a car, you will have this official document that verifies your local address in Washington state)

**\*UW Bothell document** that has your current address on it.

***If you DO NOT live in Husky Village....***you must request a "SEVIS PRINT-OUT" from ISS, which is an official print-out of your I-20 record that verifies your current local address. You will use this document as proof of where you live. ISS will provide this print-out in a sealed envelope, and you must not open the envelope until an officer at the Department of Licensing opens the envelope.

Email your name, student ID and SEVIS print-out request to [iss@uwb.edu](mailto:iss@uwb.edu). Allow at least 2 business days for processing. ISS will email you when it is ready for you to pick up.

## **HOW TO GET A WASHINGTON STATE ID CARD**

More information about the WA State ID is available from the Department of Licensing Office at: <http://www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/gettingidcard.html>

You can go to any Department of Licensing office and take with you:

- \$20 fee (cash or check)
- Proof of Identity Documents, which include:
  - Valid Immigration Documents (see page 1)
  - Documents Providing Your Local Address (see page 1)

## **HOW TO GET A WA STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE**

The following instructions are for people who have never had a driver's license before and are over 18 years of age. For current instructions, visit the Department of Licensing website: <http://www.dol.wa.gov/>.

**You can go to any Department of Licensing office and take with you:**

- \$45 fee (cash or check)
- Proof of Identity Documents, which include:
  - Valid Immigration Documents (see page 1)
  - Documents Providing Your Local Address (see page 1)
  - Additional identification documents may be required– please visit the following site for more information: [www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/idproof.html](http://www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/idproof.html)
- Your Social Security Number
  - If you do not have a Social Security number that is OK because a SSN is not required in order to obtain a driver's license.

**At the Department of Licensing Office you will then:**

- Complete an application for a license (given at the DOL office)
- Pass a **knowledge test**
  - You must pass the knowledge test before you can schedule a driving test.
  - Information on the knowledge test: [www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/writtentest.html](http://www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/writtentest.html)
    - Download a guide to practice for the test: [www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/guide.html](http://www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/guide.html)
- Pass a **vision test**
- Pass a **driving test**
  - Information on the driving test: [www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/drivingtest.html](http://www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/drivingtest.html)
  - If you plan to practice for your driving test, you must get an **instruction permit**
    - How to get an instruction permit: [www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/getpermit.html](http://www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/getpermit.html)

**Once you have passed your knowledge, vision and driving tests you will have your photograph taken for your license.**

## **If You Have a Valid Driver's License From Another Country**

If you're visiting Washington State from another country, you may use your out-of-country driver license for up to 1 year.

Germany, South Korea, and British Columbia are the only locations that have reciprocity agreements with Washington State. If you have a valid German, South Korean, or British Columbia driver license, you may get a Washington State driver license by following the steps above for drivers with a valid license from another state.

If you have moved to Washington State from a country other than Germany or South Korea, or a Canadian province other than British Columbia, you must complete all the steps to getting your first license.