Driver’s License Required Documentation

If you are an international student or scholar and plan to drive in the U.S., you may apply for a Massachusetts Driver’s License. To obtain an application, visit http://www.massrmv.com/mv/forms/21042.pdf

Nearest Registry of Motor Vehicles:
77 Middlesex St
Lowell MA 01852
(978) 368-8000

*Note you may take the yellow line to the ICC (50 Warren Street) during the semesters

Hours of Operation:
Monday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

1. All students applying for a Driver License must bring with them:
   • Social Security Number (SSN)
   • I-94 Card (can be accessed at www.cbp.gov/I94)
   • Passport
   • Visa Document (Form I-20, Form DS-2019, Form I-797, EAD, etc) * must indicate an authorized stay in the U.S. of at least 12 months to be eligible for a learner’s permit, driver’s license, or Mass ID card.

   In addition to the above, you must also bring each of the below:

2. Proof of Massachusetts Residency
   • If you live off-campus, you may provide a copy of your lease
   • If you live on-campus, you can obtain a letter from the Office of Residence Life listing your on-campus address;
   • A utility bill (gas, electric, wired telephone, wired cable, or heating oil delivered bill) (no more than 60 days old) that contains the applicant’s name and residential address;
   • Bank Passbook with applicant’s name and residential address;
   • A bank statement or transaction-related document (no more than 60 days old) on a form generated by the issuing bank and displaying the bank’s name and the Massachusetts mail address, and the applicant’s name and residential address, received through mail by applicant;
   • A checkbook with the applicant’s preprinted name and residential address;
   • ATM/Debit Card statement with name and Massachusetts residential address (no more than 60 days old).

3. Signature Verification
   • Canceled personal check (copy acceptable if printed on a sheet with other canceled checks and issued as part of a monthly statement by the bank), with a signature of applicant and preprinted residential address on the check and dated not more than 60 days earlier
     o This requires you to have a checking account. If you do not have a checking account, you must sign up for one through a local bank. Once you have an account, you can simply consult your bank to assist you in providing the required copies of a cancelled check

4. Date of Birth Verification
   • An RMV letter from the International Students & Scholars Office, which will contain your birth date
   *Students on Post-OPT or STEM will not need the above mentioned letter from the ISSO, and can simply bring their OPT/STEM approval notice in replacement of the RMV letter from the ISSO.
   • Translated Birth Certificate from your home country (must be translated by a certified translator)

5. Social Security Card or Social Security Denial Letter
   • If you do not have an SSN and do not have a job offer, you are not eligible to apply for an SSN. If this is the case, you will want to obtain a Social Security Denial Letter from the Social Security Administration. Refer to first paragraph above for the location closest to Lowell.
6. International Driver Licenses & Driving Privileges for Foreign Licensed Drivers. Depending on your home country, you may be able to use a valid driver license from your home country to drive in Massachusetts. If your home country’s license is not issued in English, you must first obtain an International Driving Permit in your home country. The International Driving Permit is valid for only one year from your date of entry into the U.S. For more detailed information about driving with a foreign license, you may want to read Frequently Asked Questions on International Driver Licenses & Driving Privileges for Foreign Licensed Drivers: [http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/forms/21317.pdf](http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/forms/21317.pdf)