MASSACHUSETTS DRIVER'S LICENSE
&
Massachusetts ID (also known as Liquor ID)

Part I – Massachusetts Driver’s License

If you are on a student, scholar or dependent visa (F1/F2, J1/J2, H1B/H4, O-1, TN, E2, L2 etc.) and plan to drive in the U.S., you may apply for a Massachusetts driver’s license. To obtain an application, visit your nearest Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) office (address are listed below) or download the Application Form, from http://www.mass.gov/rmv/forms/index.htm. You must pass a written test, an eye screening and a road test in order to receive a license. There is a fee of $90.

You will be required to present proof of the following “four categories”

Note: All documents must be originals. Photocopies will not be accepted. For more information about required documentation, go to, http://www.mass.gov/rmv/license/AcceptableId.pdf.

1. **Proof of Massachusetts Residence**
   - 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 delivery 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).

2. **Signature Verification**
   - Passport
   - Visa Document (Form I-20 or Form DS-2019, etc.) – Your Form I-20 or Form DS-2019 will contain your signature
   - I-94 card
   - Canceled personal check (copy acceptable if printed on a sheet with other cancelled checks and issued as part of a monthly statement by the bank), with signature of applicant and preprinted residential address on the check and dated not more than 60 days earlier

3. **Date of Birth Verification**
   Status letter from the International Students & Scholars Office, which will contain your birth date

4. **Social Security Card OR Social Security Denial Notice**
   If you are not yet eligible to receive a Social Security Number, you must obtain a Denial Notice from the Social Security office. To obtain a Denial Notice from the Social Security office, you will need to actually complete a Social Security Application form and present it along with your Visa Document (Form I-20, Form DS-2019, etc.), along with your passport and I-94 card. The Social Security office can only approve your application for a Social Security Number if you are also able to present them with a letter from the International Students & Scholars Office confirming that you have an on-campus job. If you don’t have such a letter, you will receive a Denial Notice.

**Nearest Location of a Social Security Office:**
151 Warren Street
Suite 300, The Gateway, Bldg. 11
Lowell, MA 01854

Telephone: 1-800-772-1213
Office Hours: 9:00am 4:00pm, Monday- Friday,
Office is across from the Inn & Conference Center (ICC), which can be reached by campus shuttle.
CLOSEST REGISTRY LOCATION TO THE LOWELL CAMPUS:

Registry of Motor Vehicles
77 Middlesex Street
Lowell, MA 01854

Or search for another location at www.mass.gov/rmv/branches

If you do not have access to a vehicle to take your road test you may contact a local driving school of your choice, which may offer the use of their vehicle with an instructor for a fee ranging between $75-$150. A local school in Lowell that may be able to assist you with this: Lowell Auto School; 321 Central St, # 104; Lowell, MA 01852; (978) 453-1819; www.lowellautoschool.net - $75 for road test with instructor. You may also research any other school that meets your needs.

INTERNATIONAL DRIVER’S LICENSE (IDP)

Depending on your home country, you may be able to use a valid driver's 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 only for one year from your date of entry into the U.S. For more detailed information about driving with a foreign license, please refer to http://www.mass.gov/rmv/forms/21317.pdf.

Part II - Massachusetts ID (also known as Liquor ID)

The legal drinking age in Massachusetts is 21 and this law is strictly enforced. A Massachusetts driver’s license or a Massachusetts ID (also known as Massachusetts liquor ID), passport, or military ID are required for all alcohol purchases including purchasing a glass of beer or wine in a restaurant. Your passport is sufficient to purchase alcohol, but a driver’s license or an ID card issued in your home country is not. If you do not want to carry your passport with you as a form of ID, you can apply for a Massachusetts ID. (If you have a valid Massachusetts Driver’s License, you may NOT apply for a Liquor ID.)

To apply for a Massachusetts ID/Liquor ID Card, you will need:

- Refer to Part I of this informational material for the documentation to be presented to prove the four major categories (Massachusetts Residency; Signature Verification; Date of Birth Verification; Social Security Number or Social Security Denial Notice);
- Completed application form, downloadable at: www.mass.gov/rmv/license/
- $25 fee

Present the application, fee and appropriate documentation, in person at a Registry of Motor Vehicles, www.mass.gov/rmv/branches.