

International Student & Scholar Services

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State ID & Driver's License Information

Minnesota State ID

As an F-1 or J-1 student, you are eligible to apply for a MN State ID card. If you are a first-time applicant, you need to:

Provide additional proof of your lawful admission period, which is your form I-20 or DS-2019.

Bring one primary and one secondary document with you. For a complete list of primary and secondary documents, please refer to the [identification requirements](#). Often times students will bring a:

Primary Document A valid, unexpired passport with a unexpired I-94 form (visit www.cbp.gov/I94 for a copy of your electronic I-94)

Secondary Document Social Security Card, an official transcript from Augsburg Registrar, or a certified birth certificate with English translation.

Once you have collected these documents, go to a DVS Office Location that accepts first time ID Card applications. The closest two locations are Government Center and Midtown Exchange (information below).

Fill out the application form at the center.

Pay the required \$19.25 fee by credit card (select locations), check or cash.

Have your photo taken at the office.

Once you apply, your new state ID will be mailed to you in four to six weeks. Carry your current identification and the stamped yellow receipt you receive when you apply until it arrives.

Minnesota Driver's License

If you are interested in applying for a Minnesota driver's license, the right type for you is Class D. To obtain a Minnesota driver's license, you must pass a knowledge (written) test, a vision test, and a driving test. The general procedures to obtain a MN driver's license are:

Prepare for the written test and road sign test by studying the [Minnesota Driver's Manual](#). Here is a link to [a free practice test](#).

Collect required documents (same as ID requirements above).

Once you have done this, you can go to a [Driver and Vehicle Services Exam Station](#) (locations below).

Have your photo taken and take both your vision test and a knowledge (written) test in the exam station.

Receive a [driver's instruction permit](#) and start practicing driving with a licensed driver in the front passenger seat.

After practicing, you can schedule a road test. We recommend that you make an appointment [online](#) or by (651) 284-1234.

Pass Road Test.

Apply for a Minnesota driver's license at [Midtown Exchange Service Center](#) with required documents.

Once you apply, your new state Driver's License will be mailed to you in four to six weeks. Carry your current identification and the stamped yellow receipt you receive when you apply until it arrives.

Nearby Locations

[Midtown Exchange Service Center](#) – Lower Level
2929 Chicago Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55407
Office Hours: Monday – Friday (9 am - 6pm)

[Government Center](#) – Suite A025
300 South 6th St Minneapolis MN, 55487
Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 7:30am – 4:30 pm