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• Residency

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You must be a Nevada resident and provide a Nevada street address to obtain a drivers license, instruction permit or ID card.

Active duty military members, their dependents and others living temporarily in Nevada are not required to transfer their license and registration. If you obtain non-military employment, however, you become a Nevada resident and must obtain a Nevada license and registration.

Licenses are not issued to visitors, out-of-state students or foreign exchange students.

Nevada Revised Statutes 483.141 "Resident" defined.

1. "Resident" includes, but is not limited to, a person:
 - (a) Whose legal residence is in the State of Nevada.
 - (b) Who engages in intrastate business and operates in such a business any motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer, or any person maintaining such vehicles in this state, as the home state of such vehicles.
 - (c) Who physically resides in this state and engages in a trade, profession, occupation or accepts gainful employment in this state.
 - (d) Who declares himself to be a resident of this state to obtain privileges not ordinarily extended to nonresidents of this state.
2. The term does not include a person who is an actual tourist, an out-of-state student, a foreign exchange student, a border state employee or a seasonal resident.

• Proof of Identity & Social Security Number

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As a first-time applicant for a Nevada drivers license, instruction permit or ID card, you will be required to provide proof of your name, date of birth, and separate proof of your social security number if one has been issued for you. Acceptable documents for this include, but are not limited to, those listed here:

Name and Date of Birth	Social Security Number
U.S. State-issued Driver's License or Instruction Permit U.S. State-issued ID card from accepted states Certified U.S. State-issued Birth Certificate U.S. Military Identification U.S. Passport Certificate of Citizenship or Naturalization Alien Registration Card	State License or ID with number listed Social Security Card U.S. Military Identification Original DD-214 Military Separation Form Social Security Benefits Documentation
Note: All documents must be originals. We do not accept photocopies.	
We do not accept Identification Cards issued by the following states:	

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Alabama	Arizona (cards issued in 1996 or earlier)	Arkansas
Indiana	Iowa	Massachusetts
Michigan	Minnesota	New York
Oregon	South Dakota	Utah
Vermont	Washington	Wisconsin
	West Virginia	

If you cannot meet these requirements, [E-Mail](#) or call your [local DMV office](#) before applying for a license, permit or ID.

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Nevada does not issue licenses or ID cards to tourists or foreign exchange students. Other foreign residents may, or may not, be eligible depending on their specific immigration status. [E-Mail](#) or call your [local DMV office](#) before applying for a license.

Non U.S. Citizens who have applied for, but not received, a Social Security number may attest to this on the drivers license application. They are not required to provide proof of a Social Security number.

If you have never been licensed in the United States, you will have to take vision, written and driving skills tests. See [Beginning Drivers 18 and Older](#), or [Nevada Teen Driving](#) for those under 18.



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ID Cards

The residency and proof of identity requirements for a Nevada Identification Card are the same as those for a drivers license. The minimum age for an ID card is 10 years.

You generally cannot hold both a Nevada ID card and an out-of-state drivers license. Nevada residents who wish to operate a motor vehicle must obtain a Nevada drivers license.

To apply for an original Nevada Identification Card, you must:

- Be a resident of Nevada and provide a Nevada street address.
- Provide acceptable proof of your name, date of birth and Social Security number if one has been issued for you. See [Residency and Proof of Identity](#).
- Apply in person at a DMV [Full Service Office](#). (We do not make appointments.)
- Complete a Drivers License Application.
- Pay the required fee. See [Drivers License Fees](#).
- Surrender any existing U.S. drivers license, permit or ID card.
- Have your picture taken. The ID card will then be issued at the DMV office.

If you are surrendering a Nevada drivers license or permit for an ID card, you need only to surrender the existing license. You do not need separate proof of name, date of birth or SSN.