Obtain a US Drivers License

***How to Get a Massachusetts Driver’s License***

To be eligible for a Massachusetts Driver’s License, international students must show that their visa status for their program of study, as written on their Form I-20 or Form DS-2019, is at least one year (365 days) in duration.  Student’s whose program of study are less than 365 days are NOT eligible for a Massachusetts Driver’s License.

For information on eligibility to drive in Massachusetts using a driver’s license issued from your home country, please see the information on the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles website, [here](https://www.mass.gov/service-details/driving-in-massachusetts-on-a-foreign-drivers-license).

If students meet eligibility requirements to apply for a Massachusetts Driver’s license, international students must apply in person to the [REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES (RMV)](https://www.mass.gov/guides/massachusetts-identification-id-requirements).

The closest office is:

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| 50 Southwest Cutoff , Worcester, MA 01604 (857) 368-8000 | Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 6:00 pm Saturday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm |

Other locations and more information, including current wait times, can be found on the RMV website at <http://www.mass.gov/rmv>

A listing of required documentation is available on the [RMV website](https://www.mass.gov/guides/massachusetts-identification-id-requirements), which includes the following items plus additional documentation:

* Social Security Number (or official denial notice) from the Social Security Office
* passport
* I-20 form or DS-2019 form
* white I-94 arrival/departure card
* evidence of current address in Massachusetts (e.g. lease or rent agreement, utilities bill, or mail received with address)
* current driver’s license from your home country or international driver’s license
* method of payment

A checklist of Acceptable Identification Documents is available [here](https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2020/01/02/RealID-Documents-Checklist.pdf?_ga=2.46735847.1141530820.1588866525-1356539962.1585573414).

***Driving on a Foreign Driver’s License***

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) has updated its guidance on ability for foreign nationals to drive in Massachusetts on a driver’s license issued from their home countries/country of residence.  The RMV allows individuals to drive the same type of vehicle as provided by the driver’s license issued by the country of residence.  Individuals must also have a full translation into English of the foreign driver’s license.  When driving, students must also carry their passport, Form I-20 or Form DS-2019, and copy of Form I-94 arrival record to document their student status.

Details on the [requirements for driving on a foreign driver’s license](https://www.mass.gov/doc/appendix-a-foreign-licensed-drivers-0/download) are available on the [MA RMV website](https://www.mass.gov/service-details/driving-in-massachusetts-on-a-foreign-drivers-license).

IMPORTANT NOTE:  The guidance by the MA RMV only applies to driving IN MASSACHUSETTS.  If you are planning to drive in another US State, please consult the Registry/Department of Motor Vehicles in that State to confirm their regulations.