

Where to Apply



Metro 8 Service Center

1276 Metropolitan Blvd., Suite #102
Tallahassee, FL 32312



Lake Jackson Service Center

3840 N. Monroe St., Suite #102
Tallahassee, FL 32303



Neil Kirkman Service Center

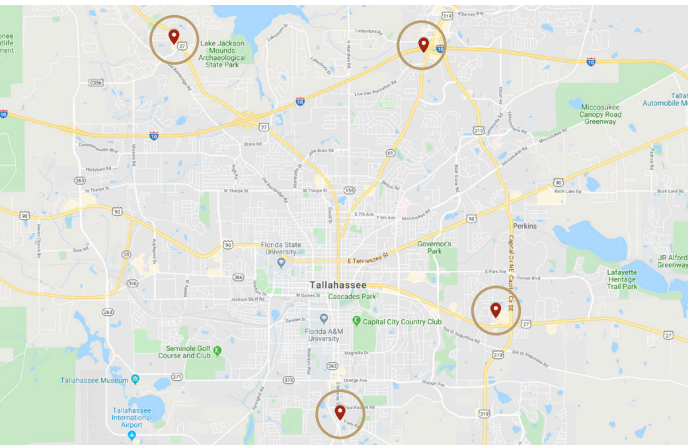
2900 Apalachee Pkwy, B-133
Tallahassee, FL 32399



Southside Service Center

3477 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32301

This is the only center where you can complete the driving skills test (available on a customer walk-in basis only).



Service Center Office Hours

Monday–Friday
8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

DHSMV Phone Number

(850) 606-4700



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APPLYING FOR A
**FLORIDA
DRIVER LICENSE
OR ID CARD**



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Driver License from Your Home Country

You may legally drive in Florida with a valid license from your home country or another state when you first arrive in Florida.

You need a Florida license after 30 days if you:

- Enroll your children in public school
- Begin employment

Otherwise, you need to drive with a Florida license if you reside in Florida for more than 6 consecutive months.

Applying for a Florida License

Written & Skills Tests

You may be required to take the following tests before applying for a Florida license:

- **Hearing**
- **Vision**
- **Knowledge** – 50 multiple choice questions about traffic laws and traffic signs.
- **Driving Test** – If the driving test is required, you must provide a vehicle. It must have a valid tag, proof of insurance, and pass a vehicle inspection.

Use the Florida Driver Handbook to prepare for the knowledge exam. Handbooks are available at your local Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) service center or online at: www.flhsmv.gov/handbooks.

If you have never held a driver license (even in your home country) or don't have one to show, you will need to complete a Traffic Law and Substance Abuse Education (TLSAE) Course before applying for a Florida License. Find more information on the website: www.flhsmv.gov.

How Long Will Your License Be Valid?

- Until your program completion date OR 4 years from the date you apply (whichever is earlier).
- If you are in your grace period, 60 days for F-1 or 30 days for J-1 after status end date, you may request an extension to cover the grace period.



Florida ID

- If you don't plan to drive but want an ID to use instead of your passport, apply for a Florida ID.

Documents Required for Driver License or ID Card

When applying for a learner's permit, driver license, or ID card, you must provide the following original documentation:

- **Proof of identification**
- **Proof of residential address** (two different documents)
- **All original immigration documents** (passport, I-94, I-20 or DS-2019)
- **EAD Card** (if you have applied for and obtained work authorization)
- **SSN Card** (if you have one) or **SSN Receipt** (if you recently applied for one)

Temporary Permit

- Non-U.S. Citizens applying for an original driver license will be issued a 60-day temporary paper permit without a photo and receipt. Non-U.S. Citizens applying for an ID card will be issued a receipt. Upon identity and legal status verification, a driver license or ID card will be issued within 60 days and mailed to the address on the driving record.
- If lawful status or identification is not verified, a denial of issuance letter will be mailed to you.

Other Things to Consider

- If you are an F-1 student applying soon after arrival or at the beginning of a semester, you should be sure the CGE has "registered" you in the SEVIS system before applying. If you are a J-1 scholar or student applying soon after arrival, you should be sure that FSU or your program sponsor has validated your SEVIS record before applying for a driver license.
- You must apply in person at a service center (even for renewal or replacement licenses).
- If you are a transfer student with a driver license from another state, you should apply for a Florida License within 30 days of moving to Florida.
- If you have a license issued by another U.S. state, you may not need to retake the written or driving tests (however you may still need to take the vision and hearing tests).
- If you change residence, you should replace your license within 10 days of moving.

Fees (subject to change)

Driver License (original or renewal)	\$48.00
Replacement License	\$25.00
Replacement for Stolen License	Free (with copy of police report)
Florida ID card (original, renewal, or replacement)	\$25.00
Tax Collector Fee (for all driver licenses)	\$6.25

For complete information visit www.flhsmv.gov.