



## DRIVER'S LICENSES

Individual states issue their own driver's licenses and they are valid throughout the country. Some states, but not all, allow international visitors to use driver's licenses from their home countries or international driver's licenses. Check with the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) before you drive.

### Are international driver's licenses accepted in Maryland?

The State of Maryland allows an international student to use the following.

- ★ A valid driver's license from your home country for 30 days. After 30 days, you must get a Maryland driver's licenses to continue driving in this state.
- ★ A valid international driver's license issued in your home country for a maximum of one year. After one year, you must get a Maryland driver's licenses to continue driving in this state.

### How do I get a Maryland driver's licenses?

To get a Maryland driver's license you must be at least 16-years-old. **You do not need a social security number to get a driver's license.** Take the following documentation to the Motor Vehicle Administration office nearest you:

- your passport
- your Form I-94 card
- your current Form I-20 (and any previous I-20s you may have)
- your driver's license from your country or international license, if you have one
- proof of your Maryland address (for example, mail which shows your address, such as a telephone bill, electric bill, credit card bill, or a copy of your lease, etc.)
- another form of identification with your signature on it (for example, a picture ID, canceled check, credit card)

All documents must be in the same name as your immigration documents; do not use nicknames for leases, utility bills, or other billing statements.

At the Motor Vehicle Administration, you will take a 20-question, multiple choice, written test in order for you obtain a Learner's Permit. The written test is available in various languages. A vision test, a road/driving test, and a three-hour drug & alcohol clas is needed as well. The fee for a Maryland Learner's Permit is \$45.00 and you must provide your own car/test vehicle to be used during the road test.

### Where is the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) located?

There are many MVA locations throughout Maryland. The full service offices nearest Towson University are:

<b>BEL AIR MVA</b> Route 24 & MacPhail Rd (one mile south of Rt. 1)	<b>GLEN BURNIE MVA</b> 6601 Ritchie Highway (Route 2)	<b>BALTIMORE CITY MVA</b> 2500 Gwynn Falls Pkwy (adjacent to Mondawmin Mall)	<b>Essex MVA</b> 1338-A Eastern Blvd (Middlesex Shopping Center)
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They are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon.

For more information about obtaining a Maryland driver's license, other MVA services, or MVA locations call the **MVA Customer Service Center** at **1.800.950.1682** or visit their website at <http://www.mva.state.md.us/>.

### What do I do if I am applying for a driver's license for the first time?

If you do not already have a driver's license from your home country, you must first complete a Maryland approved driver education course of no less than 30 hours of classroom instruction and 6 hours of behind-the-wheel driver training. After completing this course, you will receive a certificate. You must then pass a written test and obtain a learner's permit. If you are 18 or older, you must also complete a three-hour drug and alcohol course. For questions regarding applying for a driver's license for the first time, including fees and locations of local driver's education schools, contact the Motor Vehicle Administration for more information.