

GETTING A DRIVERS LICENSE IN LOUISIANA

Step 1: Getting a temporary instructional permit

- You will need:
 - Up to date I-20 and I-94 with at least 180 days left in your program
 - Proof of residence (this can be a leasing document, bank statement, bill, etc.)
 - Social Security Card
- Bring these documents to the Baton Rouge OMV, where they will be verified. You will take a vision exam, pay a \$32.25 fee, and take your temporary license photo

Step 2: Driving Lessons

- Browse the web for a driving school in Baton Rouge that meets your needs. Some offer free pickup and drop off to their classes.
- The cost for a driving school can range from \$450-\$550.
- Louisiana State Law requires that you take 8 hours of behind the wheel training, and a 4-6 hour class on US driving laws.

Step 3: Taking the exam

- You will need to pass a written exam with a score of at least 80%.
- After passing the written exam, you will take a behind-the-wheel driving test
- Once you pass, you will be given a sealed envelope which you must bring back to the OMV. Do not open this envelope yourself.

Step 4: Getting your license

- Submit your sealed driving test results to the OMV
- Return your temporary instructional permit, and pay a fee of \$32.25 for your drivers license.

RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS

□ Countries with reciprocal agreements:

- If you have a valid, unexpired driver's license from another US state or territory, or from Germany, South Korea, Switzerland, or Taiwan, you can apply for a license directly at the OMV without getting an instructional permit or taking driving lessons.

□ Step 1: Gather your documents

- You will need:
 - Your previous drivers license
 - Up to date I-20 and I-94 with at least 180 days left in your program
 - Proof of residence (this can be a leasing document, bank statement, bill, etc.)
 - Social Security Card

□ Step 2: Getting your license

- Bring these documents to the Baton Rouge OMV, where they will be verified. You will take a vision exam, pay a \$32.25 fee, and take your license photo.