

# Driver's License & State ID Card

We recommend that you get a Florida Driver's License or State ID Card while studying and living in Florida. These forms of identification can be used in place of your passport when required to show a "government issued ID". Using one of these means that you can leave your passport safely at home and reduce the risk of loss or theft of your passport.

## Steps to get a "Class E" driver's license

**NOTE:** You must wait at least 10 calendar days after classes begin to apply for your driver's license!

1. Traffic Law and Substance Abuse Education Exam
  - Required for anyone who has never had a driver's license before (in any country)
    - If you have a driver's license from any other US state, you do **not** need to need to complete this exam.
  - Results are automatically sent to the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (HSMV), and you can print your certificate at [www.flhsmv.gov/dcl/educate\\_sess.htm](http://www.flhsmv.gov/dcl/educate_sess.htm)
2. Study for written knowledge test
  - Download the Florida Driver Handbook at [www.flhsmv.gov](http://www.flhsmv.gov)
3. Make your appointment online for written and driving exams; print confirmation pages
  - Select a location at <https://www.flhsmv.gov/locations/> to make your appointments
  - Required documents
    - Proof of identity and date of birth
      - Passport
      - F-1 visa
      - I-20
      - I-94 (print at [www.cbp/i94](http://www.cbp/i94))
    - Driver's license from home country (if applicable)
    - 2 forms of proof of residential address
    - Your Area Coordinator can create a letter of residency if you're living on campus
    - Other forms include: a utility bill, paycheck stub, credit card or bank statement, lease agreement
    - \$48.00 fee in the form of cash, credit card (except Visa) or check for exact amount
      - Checks should be made payable to Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
    - Confirmation print-outs of your appointment(s) (if applicable) and certificate from Traffic Law and Substance Abuse Education Program exam
4. Pass both written and driving exams
  - You must bring your own car or a friend's car with proof of insurance and registration to take the test

See reverse for FL ID Card information and HSMV locations

# Florida State ID Card

## How to get a Florida state ID card

A state ID card is a “government issued ID” that you can use in place of your passport in many situations.

Take the following documents to a driver’s license office (HSMV)

- Proof of identity and date of birth
  - Passport
  - F-1 visa
  - I-20
  - I-94 (print at [www.cbp/i94](http://www.cbp/i94))
- 2 forms of proof of residential address
  - Your Area Coordinator can create a letter of residency if you’re living on campus
  - Other forms include: a utility bill, paycheck stub, credit card or bank statement, lease agreement
- \$25.00 fee in the form of cash, credit card (except Visa) or check for exact amount
  - Checks should be made payable to Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
- No tests are required for a state ID card

## Resources for both Driver’s Licenses and ID Cards

### Nearest HSMV Locations

In Broward County:

100 South Military Trail, Suite 26  
Deerfield Beach, FL 33445  
Phone: 954-497-1570

In Palm Beach County:

501 South Congress Avenue  
Delray Beach, FL 33445  
Phone: 561-681-6333

### Helpful Websites

General information

<https://www.flhsmv.gov/driver-licenses-id-cards/>

HSMV Locations & Appointments

<https://www.flhsmv.gov/locations/>

Florida Driver’s Handbook

<https://www.flhsmv.gov/resources/handbooks-manuals/>

Local driving school

<http://avantiautodrivingschool.com/>

Driving schools in Florida

<http://www.dmvflorida.org/traffic-school.shtml>