
Frequently Asked Questions: First-Time NJ Drivers

When will New Jerseyans be able to get licenses or IDs without regard to immigration status?

Starting May 1, New Jersey residents with a Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer ID Number (ITIN) will be able to make appointments for driver licenses without regard to immigration status.

NOTE: Do not call or visit any NJ Motor Vehicle Commission location without an appointment made on or after May 1.

What if I don't have a Social Security number or an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)?

Individuals who do not have either a Social Security number or ITIN will be able to provide an [affidavit](#) to meet this requirement, starting around June 1.

Please beware of scams to help with obtaining a Social Security Number or an Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN). Getting an ITIN can take around 7 weeks and can be processed for free directly with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). If you don't have one, you'll be able to provide an affidavit instead, beginning June 1.

How do I get an appointment starting May 1?

You can only get an appointment by going online at NJMVC.gov. When you go to the "Schedule an appointment" page, it will let you make an [appointment](#).

Someone offered to get me an appointment for a fee. Is this valid?

No, do not pay anyone to help you get an appointment – only MVC can schedule appointments. We don't work with third parties, and we will verify individual ID for the appointment to confirm that you did it on our website. Be wary of any website offering to help you get a license – if it is not a .gov website, they may be scamming you.

What kind of license will I get?

Customers will get a basic New Jersey driver license or ID when they meet eligibility requirements to become licensed drivers in New Jersey. This basic driver license is available to all eligible New Jerseyans regardless of immigration status.

How will I get my NJ license/ID?

A video with an overview of this process is available in several languages [here](#).

Detailed information about this process can be found [here](#).

What documents do I need to get my license/ID?

You will need to provide

- proof of identity (“6 points of ID”). Check [here](#) for details.
- proof of New Jersey address; and
- either a Social Security number or ITIN.
 - Individuals who do not have either a Social Security number or ITIN will be able to provide an [affidavit](#) to meet this requirement, starting on or around June 1.

Please note: Any document in a language other than English requires a “certified translation.”

A “certified translation” is a translation that is:

1. Issued by a government entity, such as a consulate or ministry that issued the original document; **OR**
2. Signed with a seal by a person qualified to translate, such as someone certified by American Translators Association (atanet.org), **OR**
3. From a person competent to translate, over age 18, with a certification that includes ([Here is a sample](#)):
 - a. The translator’s name;
 - b. The name of the document being translated;
 - c. The applicant’s name;
 - d. A statement that the translator is fluent in English and the language being translated;
 - e. A statement that the translation is a complete and accurate translation of the full original text (including any stamps or seals) of the document being submitted;
 - f. A statement that the translator understands that if any part of the translation is intentionally false, the translator is subject to punishment;
 - g. The translator’s signature, address, email and phone number.

I have a New Jersey driver license now. What do I need to do?

If you have a New Jersey license or ID that expired less than three (3) years ago, you should make an [appointment](#) for a license or non-driver ID renewal. Make sure you bring all the required documents.

If your license expired more than three (3) years ago, you will have to start over with a [first-time driver license or ID](#).

I have a driver license from another state in the U.S. What do I need to do?

If you have a driver license from another state, and it is currently valid or expired less than three (3) years ago, you should make an [appointment](#) for an out-of-state transfer. Make sure you bring all the required documents.

If your license expired more than three (3) years ago, you will have to start over with a [first-time driver license or ID](#). Non-driver ID's issued by a state other than New Jersey, are not eligible for proof towards qualifying for a NJ standard license.

Will interpreting services be available at the NJMVC Licensing Center?

NJMVC uses "Language Link," a phone-based interpreting service, for customers requesting interpreting services. You may also bring an interpreter with you. However, for road tests, no one can ride in the car with you except for the MVC examiner.

If I am visiting the U.S. for less than one year, will I be able to drive using a license from outside the U.S.?

Visitors to the U.S. are permitted to drive up to one (1) year with their foreign license as long as it is accompanied by an International Driving Permit issued in your prior country of residency.

QUESTIONS

For general questions in English or Spanish, please email MVC.Correspondence@mvc.nj.gov.

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