



International Drivers Checklist The Road to Your License!

Whether you're visiting Texas temporarily, working for a few years, or making a permanent move, it's important to understand the Texas licensing process for drivers with international licenses. Navigating Texas roadways can be challenging if you're accustomed to driving internationally with differing road rules and regulations. Continue scrolling to see how SafeWay Driving can assist you in getting on the road to safe driving whether you are a short-term visitor or looking to become a long-term resident in Texas.

Short-Term Visitors with Existing Licenses

If you're visiting for less than 90 days, you will be able to continue driving using your valid, unexpired driver's license. For visits lasting longer than 90 days, such as studying abroad or working for a few years, you might be able to continue using your foreign driver's license as long as it's written in English.

If that's not the case, then it's important that you get an International Driver's Permit (IDP) while you're still in your country of origin. This is valid for only one year and since it is not issued by the United States, it needs to be obtained before you arrive. This license will not replace your old license, but instead act as a companion license and language translation to your home license.

License Options for Short-Term Visitors with Existing Licenses:

- Valid, Unexpired License Good for 90 days
- Valid, Unexpired License in English Acceptable for Short-Term Visits
- Acquire an International Driver's Permit From Country of Origin



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Long-Term Visitors with Existing Licenses

Some states have reciprocity agreements with other countries, meaning that if your license was issued in the following select countries you can simply exchange it for a Texas drivers license without having to take any tests.

Countries with Texas Reciprocity Agreements:

Albania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, United Kingdom

If your country of origin does not have a reciprocity agreement with Texas, you'll need to apply for a Texas drivers license by following the steps below:

- Complete the free on hour IMPACT Texas Young Drivers Course (<https://impacttexasdrivers.dps.texas.gov>)
- Schedule an appointment at your nearest DPS office (at www.txdps.state.tx.us)
- If you are 18-24 years old, the 6 hour online adult course is required (<https://www.safewaydriving.com/adult-training>)
- Take the following items with you to the DPS:
 - DL-14A Form - Application for Texas Driver License
 - IMPACT Texas Young Drivers Certificate
 - Valid Passport with Visa and I-94 OR Permanent Residence Card
 - Original Social Security Card OR Affidavit Provided by DPS
 - Texas Residency Affidavit
 - Glasses or contacts
 - You will need to pay an application fee and pass a written, practical and vision test. If you have your former valid license, bring it with you because it is possible some of these tests may be waived.



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International First-Time License (18-24)

Receiving a drivers license is a memorable and major milestone in someone's life. This license signifies freedom, responsibility and maturity. Follow this checklist to get on the road to safe driving!

- Complete 6 hour Online Adult Driver Education Course
- Complete the free on hour IMPACT Texas Young Drivers Course (<https://impacttexasdrivers.dps.texas.gov>)
- Schedule an appointment at your nearest DPS office (at www.txdps.state.tx.us)
- Take the following items with you to the DPS:
 - DL-14A Form - Application for Texas Driver License
 - IMPACT Texas Young Drivers Certificate
 - Valid Passport with Visa and I-94 OR Permanent Residence
 - Card Original Social Security Card OR Affidavit Provided by
 - DPS Texas Residency Affidavit
 - Glasses or contacts
 - ADE 13-17
- You can choose to get a permit first to practice driving before taking your Road Test. The DPS Road Test is conveniently offered at your local SafeWay Drive Site or you can schedule at your nearest DPS office and wait in line.