**Information for International Students**

**Mississippi Driver’s License Information**

**Apply for a MS Driver's License**

To obtain a Mississippi driver's license, you will need to apply **in person** at your local [Mississippi DPS office](https://www.dmv.org/ms-mississippi/dmv-office-finder.php). You will need:

* A completed [Driver's License Application Form](http://www.dps.state.ms.us/wp-content/uploads/17-and-older-Regular-Application.pdf) (Form DL-41).
	+ If you're under 17 years old, your parent or legal guardian must sign your form.
* Your **Social Security card**.
	+ ***NOTE:*** As of August 1, 2014, the Mississippi DPS will no longer accept card scans and printouts.
* A [certified **birth certificate**](https://www.dmv.org/vital-records/birth-certificates.php).
* A passing score on the **vision screening**.
* [Acceptable proof](http://www.driverservicebureau.dps.ms.gov/Drivers/ClassR) of your Mississippi **address**, if you're over 18 years old.
	+ Those under 21 years old may use their parent residency information.
* **Payment** for the driver's licensing [fee](https://www.dmv.org/ms-mississippi/apply-license.php#Fees-for-a-MS-Drivers-License).

You will also have to pass both the **written knowledge and road tests**.

***NOTE:*** If you're a non-U.S. citizen, you will need to provide additional documents. You may also be exempt from needing a Social Security card. [See below](https://www.dmv.org/ms-mississippi/apply-license.php#Drivers-Licenses-for-Non-US-Citizens) for more information.

**Written Knowledge and Driving Tests**

Before your MS driver's license will be issued, you must pass both a written knowledge exam and a driving test.

The questions in the **written knowledge exam** will be based on information found in the [MS Driver's License Manual](https://www.dmv.org/ms-mississippi/driver-handbook.php). In addition, the [DPS offers an app](http://www.dps.state.ms.us/drivers-test-app-now-available-for-smart-devices/) to help you study. If you want the ultimate in preparation for the written exam, try an [online practice test](https://www.dmv.org/ms-mississippi/practice-tests/) from our approved partner.

During your **driving test**, your examiner will grade you on how well you can operate a motor vehicle. You will be tested on your ability to handle the vehicle, obey road rules, and use the proper signals, among other things.

If you fail either the written test or the driving test, you must wait until the next day to re-take it. If you fail 3 times, you will need to wait 30 days until you can re-take it.

**Fees for a MS Driver's License**

A Mississippi driver's license will cost you:

* $24 for 4 years.
* $47 for 8 years.

Payment must be made by cash, debit card, or credit card only. Checks will not accepted by the MS Department of Public Safety (DPS).

***NOTE:*** Different license validity periods and fees apply for teen drivers. Please visit our [teen licensing page](https://www.dmv.org/ms-mississippi/teen-drivers.php) for details.

**Driver's Licenses for Non-U.S. Citizens**

If you're a non-U.S. citizen, you must meet all of the standard requirements for obtaining a MS driver's license, with the exception of providing a Social Security card.

Your driver's license will only be valid for as long as you are legally allowed to stay in the U.S., or for the default length of 4 years.

Your application must include the following valid immigration papers:

* Birth certificate translated by a state-run university or approved translator.
* Passport.
* I-94 printout.
* Proof of domicile.
* Alien resident card (if applicable).

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**MS State ID Card - Non-U.S. Citizen Information**

## ID Card Eligibility Requirements

Any person who is 6 years old or older is eligible to apply for an identity card from the Mississippi Department of Public Safety (DPS).

A non-U.S. citizen must meet all requirements for obtaining an operator’s license or identification card as applicable. The license or identification card will be valid as determined by the applicant's length of stay or no more than 4 years.

You must present valid immigration papers, including a birth certificate (translated by a state-run university or an approved translator), passport, proof of legal presence and two proofs of domicile.

See below for instructions on how to apply.

## Apply for a MS Identification Card

To apply for a state ID card in Mississippi, visit your local [MS DPS office](https://www.dmv.org/ms-mississippi/dmv-office-finder.php) and:

* Complete and sign an application form (available from the MS DPS office).
* Provide a copy of your Social Security card and certified copy of your birth certificate.
* Pay the $33 fee.
* Show [proof of your MS residency](http://www.driverservicebureau.dps.ms.gov/Drivers/ClassR), if you're over 18 years old. This can include documents such as:
	+ An electric or water bill.
	+ A lease or rent agreement.
	+ A bank statement with a physical address (no blank checks accepted).

***NOTE:***If you're under 21 years old, you may apply using proof of your parent's address.

## Fees for an Identification Card

Fees for ID cards are as follows:

* Original identification cards: $33.
* Disability ID card: $19.
* Disability ID card (if you are blind): $22.
* Renewals: $33.
* Duplicate ID card: $11.

Fees must be paid in cash only; no checks, credit cards, or money orders are accepted.