

## Colorado Driver's License and State ID Information\*\*

### **\*DO NOT APPLY UNTIL YOU HAVE BEEN IN THE U.S. FOR TWO WEEKS!!**

- International Driver's Licenses may be used for up to 30 days. After that you must obtain a Colorado Driver's License.
- Canadian, German, French, Taiwanese, and S. Korean Driver's Licenses as well as all US state licenses are honored in Colorado and may be "traded" for Colorado Licenses

### **To Obtain a Colorado Driver's License or state issued ID:**

1. Visit the Colorado Department of Motor Vehicles. Several locations are in Colorado Springs. The nearest to UCCS are at 2447 N Union Blvd, and at 1675 W Garden of the Gods Rd.
2. Take your immigration documents:
  - Valid passport with visa
  - I-94 (<https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/>)
  - I-20 or DS-2019
  - Your most recent UCCS I-20 or DS-2019
  - Your EAD card if on OPT, your Authorization Letter for Academic Training if on Academic Training
  - Check with your International Student Advisor to make sure your SEVIS record is 'ACTIVE' (email [international@uccs.edu](mailto:international@uccs.edu))
  - Your SSN card, or SSN denial (Form SSA-L676) – Request SSN denial letter from your UCCS international student adviser
3. Proof of connection to Colorado Springs (take two of the following items)
  - Utilities or credit card bill or bank statement with your name and Colorado Springs address
  - UCCS enrollment verification letter (request from the Office of the Registrar and be sure to include in the comment section that you need it to be printed on UCCS letterhead, with original signature, and with address verification). To do this, you must update your local address in the student portal.

### **STOP: if all you need is a state ID, CONTINUE: if you are getting a driver's license**

4. Study the Driver's Handbook
  - *Note: This is not required for holders of Canadian, French, German, Taiwanese, S. Korean or other US State Driver's Licenses – BUT THE DMV WILL INVALIDATE YOUR HOME COUNTRY LICENSE. If you wish to keep that license, you must take all the tests.*
  - The Colorado Drivers Handbook can be found at <https://driving-tests.org/colorado/co-dmv-drivers-handbook-manual/>
5. Get Learner's Permit and begin practicing
6. Schedule appointment for the driving test and bring:
  - proof of insurance for the car in which you will take your driving test
  - immigration and other documents listed in #2 and #3 above

### Important Notes:

- Insurance is REQUIRED for anyone who will own and drive a vehicle and is RECOMMENDED for all people even if they do not own a vehicle.
- Your Colorado Driver's License will be issued for the dates on your I-20 or DS-2019 and will be mailed to you. There will be no grace period on your license.
- To renew your Driver's License, take all items in # 3, plus your I-20 or DS-2019 with your new program end date OR your EAD for OPT.

REMEMBER: The DMV is VERY busy! They can better help you if you take all necessary documents and are patient with them.

### Helpful Links:

Main Page for Colorado DL: <https://www.colorado.gov/dmv>

Information for applicants coming to Colorado from another country:  
<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dmv/new-colorado-another-country>

Driver's Handbook: <https://driving-tests.org/colorado/co-dmv-drivers-handbook-manual/>

Online appointments: <https://dmv.colorado.gov/AppointmentScheduling>

Fees: <https://www.colorado.gov/dmv/dmv-fees>

FAQs: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dmv/faq-driver-license>

Identification requirements: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dmv/identification-requirement-charts>

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