

# How to Obtain a Temporary Driver's License

A Temporary Driver's License (Class XD) is issued to persons whose presence in the United States has been authorized by the federal government for a specific purpose and for a specific period of time. Qualifying applicants will be issued a photo license document valid for both driving and identification purposes.

Current Tennessee Driver's License policy will allow you to qualify for a TN Temporary Driver's License until the expiration date specified by your immigration documents. If you apply for and receive an extension to stay beyond the original date, then you will need to present your extension papers to the Driver License Office for renewal of your license.

**\*\*Note that the process of getting a driver's license may be subject to change due to COVID-19, always call ahead and ask for instructions prior to arriving at the Driver Services Center\*\***

## What to Know:

- Documents must be **originals**
- Study the Driver's Manual before taking the driving test
- You must provide your own car to take the road test
- The road test takes approximately 10-15 minutes
- There is a test fee of \$19.50, which is payable online or in person

## What to Bring:

- **Valid Foreign Passport with Valid Visa**
- **I-94**
- **I-20 (F Status) / DS-2019 (J Status)**
- **Two proof of identity documents** (License from home country, Certified Birth Certificate, Military Identification, Valid Passport)
- **Two proof of Tennessee residency documents** (Current utility bill, bank statement, rental contract, paycheck)



**Step 1:** Begin your application online

**Step 2:** Present your required documents to the DMV in order to finish your application process

**Step 3:** Sign up for your road test online

The applicant will also have to successfully pass the required vision, knowledge and skills tests

## Knoxville/Strawberry Plains Driver Services Center

### Information for International Students

7320 Region Lane

Knoxville, TN 37914

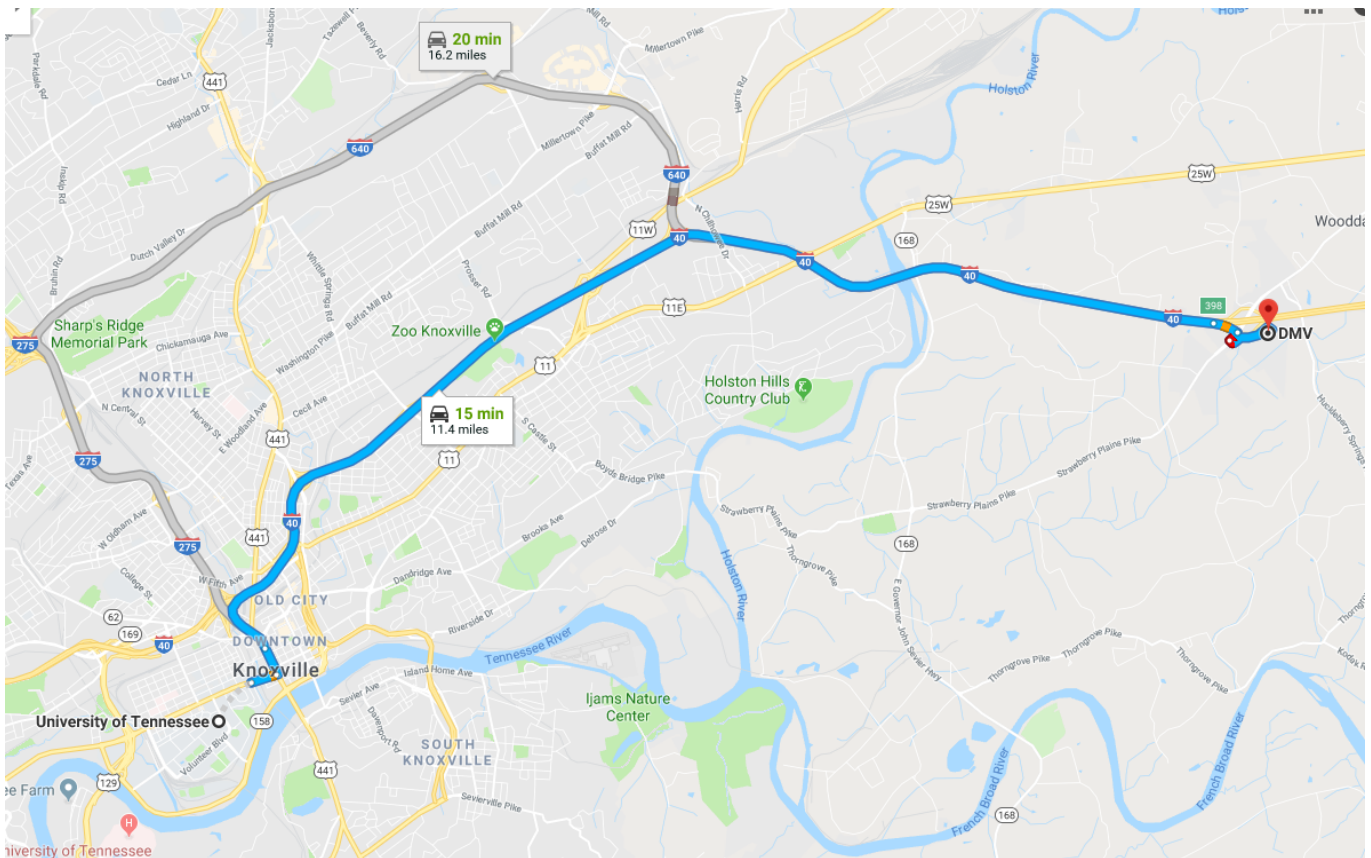
(From UT: 11.4 miles – about 15 minutes by car)

Monday – Friday

8:30AM to 5:00PM

(865) 594-6399

This DMV can be reached by car (taxi, Uber, or Lyft), but cannot be reached by KAT bus.



**Note:** Any DMV in Tennessee with a testing center can issue a temporary driver's license.

Driver's Manual - [https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/safety/documents/DL\\_Manual.pdf](https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/safety/documents/DL_Manual.pdf)

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