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## **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 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.

### What to know:

- o Documents must be originals
- o Study the Driver's Manual before taking the driving test
- o You must provide your own car to take the road test
- o The road test takes approximately 10-15 minutes
- o There is a test fee of \$33.50 in total, \$5.50 for the knowledge test and \$28 for the driving test.

### What to Bring:

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

# Step by Step Process



Begin your application  
online



Present your required  
documents  
to the DMV in order  
to finish your application  
process



Sign up for your road test  
online

## **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

TN Driver's License Manual can be found at:

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



Case Study 1: A student is transferring from an out of state institution to the University of Tennessee and has a license from that state. However, this student's I-20 is ending before his transfer. When trying to apply for a new Driver's license, his I-20 will appear to be pending. When this occurs, it will seem as though the student is not an active student in the SEVIS records. Until his I-20 has been updated to "enrolled," he might not be able to renew his driver's license, as his means of confirming his status are insufficient.

Case Study 2: When a student applies late for OPT, its end date is updated to what is their last semester end date indicated in their I-20. Because your program is soon to expire, your documents are considered invalid and not updated.



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