

Overview of States' Driver's License Requirements

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<p>States that require a Social Security number (SSN) for a driver's license with no exceptions (2)</p>	<p>DC and SD</p>
<p>States that require an SSN for a driver's license only of people who have been assigned one or are eligible for one (47)</p>	<p>AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IA, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, ME, MA, MN, MI, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WA, WV, WI, and WY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AK, AZ, AR, CA, DE, FL, ME, MS, NE (also requires proof of lawful presence), NV, OH, OK and RI (also requires proof of lawful presence) require only applicants who have been assigned an SSN or who are eligible for an SSN to provide one. • CO, CT, IN, IA, KS, MD, MI, MN, MO, OR, TN, TX, WI and WY allow applicants without SSNs to submit an affidavit or certify that they have either never been issued an SSN or are ineligible for one. • ID (also requires proof of lawful presence and proof of identity), GA, HI (also requires govt.-issued photo ID or document deemed acceptable by the director), LA, MA (also requires proof of lawful presence), MT, NH, NJ, NY (also requires proof of lawful presence), ND, PA, SC, VA and WA require applicants without SSNs to submit verification from the Social Security Administration that none has been assigned or a denial letter from the SSA. • IL (in the case of religious objections), KY (also accepts letter from SSA in the case of religious objections or an affidavit), NM, NC, UT, and WV require or request applicants to submit an ITIN.
<p>States that have lawful presence requirements in the law (24)</p>	<p>AL, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, ID, KS, KY, LA (grants temporary licenses to those in the agricultural industry, regardless of immigration status), MN, MS, MO, NH, NJ, OH, OK, PA, SC, SD, VA, and WY</p>



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States that have lawful presence requirements that are created by agency policy or the combination of documents required of driver's license applicants (16)	AK, DE, DC, IL, IN, IA, ME (only required if no SSN), MA, NE (only required if no SSN), NV, NY, ND, RI (only required if no SSN), TX, VT (only required if no SSN), and WV
States that don't have lawful presence requirements (11)	HI, MD, MI, MT, NM, NC, OR, TN ¹ , UT, WA, and WI
States that accept the ITIN as an alternative to the SSN (6)	IL (in the case of religious objections) KY, NM, NC, UT, and WV.
States that accept the <i>matrícula consular</i> or other foreign ID card as a form of ID (10)	ID, IN, MI (accepted on case-by-case basis), NE, NM, OR (must be approved by DMV), TX, UT, WA, and WI
States that require that the driver's license expire with an immigrant's visa (24)	AL, AZ, CA, CO, DC, FL, IA, KY, LA, MN, MO, NJ, NV, NY, OH, OK, PA, SC, SD, TN, VT, VA, WV and WY

¹ As of July 1, 2004, citizens and lawful permanent residents receive a DL and all other noncitizens receive a "certificate for driving."