



University of New Haven

INTERNATIONAL SERVICES OFFICE

The [Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles](#) (DMV) is the agency that issues the driver's license and the non-driver Identification Card (state ID). You may want to consider getting a state ID if you want to have official U.S. identification so that you do not have to carry your passport with you. If you plan to operate a vehicle, you should apply for a Driver's License. There are several locations, so please find the one nearest you by clicking [here](#) (note: the Hamden location is the one closest to the University of New Haven).

Connecticut State ID

Documents You Will Need:

- Full-time status letter- [requested from the ISO](#)
- [Identification Application Form](#) (Form B-230)
- Payment fee of \$22.50 (Review [Acceptable Forms of Payment](#))
- Foreign Passport
- University Student ID *or* Prior State Identification/US photo driver's license (*in or out of state*)
- Certified School Transcript (Request this document from the [Registrar's website](#))
- Two computer-generated (*or if handwritten it must be postmarked*) pieces of mail to their CT residence dated within 90 days.
- One of the following documents:
 - Social Security card
 - Letter of Denial from Social Security Department
[Click here](#) for information on how to obtain one of these two items.
- All of the following documents that apply to your immigration status:
 - Most recent I-94 record (Obtained from [CBP website](#))
 - U.S. Visa
 - F1 requires I-20 or Employment Authorization Card
 - J1 requires DS-2019

All documents must be original. Copies will not be accepted. For more detailed information, review the [DMV Identity Verification Checklist](#).



Driver's License

Connecticut permits a student or visitor to operate a motor vehicle in Connecticut for a period of up to one year with their home country license. If the license is in a language other than English or Spanish, the license must be accompanied by an [International Driver's Permit \(IDP\)](#), which serves as an English translation of the international license. An IDP is not considered a valid license, and must accompany a valid international driver's license from the home country. **The IDP permits can only be obtained in the country which issued the actual license so you will want to make arrangements for the IDP before you leave your home.** Out-of-country licenses are not acceptable as a form of identification.

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Application Process:

Step One:

Collect the documentation listed above and apply for a [Learner's Permit](#). Go online to schedule a [Learner's Permit Test Appointment](#). You will need to bring all of the documents listed above and be prepared to take a vision test and a 25-question driving knowledge test. You can review the information you will be tested on in the [CT Driver's Manual](#).

Step Two:

You must hold your Learner's Permit at least 90 days prior to taking the on-the-road skills test. If you have a current or previous license from your home country or a previous U.S. license, the 90-day requirement may be waived.

Prior to your road skills test appointment, you must complete a mandatory 8-hour driving course required by the state of Connecticut. Be sure to get proof of completion when done. You can find a list of schools with Driver Education on the [DMV website](#). This is required prior to your road test.

Step Three:

When you are eligible for your road test at the DMV office, you must make an appointment on the [DMV website](#). You will need to take the following items with you to that appointment, in addition to the documents listed above:

- Your learner's permit
- Print-out of road test appointment confirmation
- A fully completed R-229 form application (available when making an online appointment)
- A vehicle to take the driving test. The vehicle must be registered and insured. You must bring the Motor Vehicle Registration Certificate and proof of insurance for the vehicle.
- Proof of completion of the 8-hour driving course
- License fee: The fee will be \$72. (Review the [acceptable forms of payment](#))

Step Four:

Pass the test and get your driver's license in the mail.

More detailed information about State IDs, driver's licenses, and car registration can be found on the [DMV website](#).