Applying For A CA Driver’s License

If you are a visitor in California over 18 years of age and have a valid driver license from your home country, you may drive in this state without getting a California driver license as long as your home country license remains valid. You will need to carry a translation of your license with you at all times.

If you are 18 years of age or older and applying for a driver license, follow the instructions below (information obtained from http://www.dmv.ca.gov/dl/dl_info.htm):

- **Step 1:** Obtain a copy of the California Driver Handbook from the DMV to study California traffic laws. PDF copies are also available on the DMV website. California Driver Handbooks are available in the following languages:

- **Step 2:** Obtain a DMV Driver’s License Letter from the DSOs

- **Step 3:** Make an appointment with the DMV at http://www.dmv.ca.gov/foa/welcome.do

- **Step 4:** Visit the DMV office and bring your valid I-20 and I-94, DSO letter, and secondary proof of residence document.

- **Step 5:** Fill out the application form DL 44

- **Step 6:** Give a thumb print

- **Step 7:** Have your picture taken

- **Step 8:** Provide your Social Security Number if you currently have one OR provide your DSO Driver’s License Letter

- **Step 9:** Verify your birth date and legal presence (Valid foreign passport with a valid Record of Arrival/Departure (form I-94)

- **Step 10:** Provide your full legal name.

- **Step 11:** Pay the application fee

- **Step 12:** Pass a vision exam

- **Step 13:** Pass a written test.

- **Here is a link to some sample tests “Regular Driver (Class C License):**

- You will then be issued a permit if you have never been licensed before
  To take your driving test, you will need to:
  - Call or go online to set up a DMV appointment. Here is the link to make an online appointment: http://www.dmv.ca.gov/foa/welcome.do
  - Provide proof of financial responsibility

- After you pass your driving test you will be issued an interim license valid for 60 days until you receive your new photo license in the mail.

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Please review the DMV Website ([www.dmv.ca.gov](http://www.dmv.ca.gov)) for more information

# Locations

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**Phone:** (800) 777-0133  
**Office Hours:**  
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday  
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Wednesday  
**Website Address:** [www.dmv.ca.gov](http://www.dmv.ca.gov)  
**Office hours may change, please check the DMV website for updated information.**