

How to Apply for Colorado Driver License and IDs

Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles has established requirements for anyone interested in obtaining a driver license or identification cards (ID). The requirements are different depending on a person's age. Anyone age 15 years old to 15 ½ years old who is interested in applying for a driver education permit must successfully complete a Colorado Drivers Education course. As of April 23, 2007, individuals must complete 6 hours of Behind-the-Wheel lessons before taking the Drive Test. Once the written and vision exams are passed, individuals are required to hold their first instruction permit for at least 12 months and be at least 16 years of age before receiving a driver license.

The fees¹ listed are for individuals who are U.S. Citizens, permanent residents or who can demonstrate temporary lawful presence in the U.S.:

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| • Driver License | \$27.00 |
| • Instruction Permit (includes motorcycle) | \$16.80 |
| • Identification (ID) Card (under 60 years old) | \$11.50 |
| • Identification (ID) Card (over 60 years old) | FREE |
| • Duplicate Permit or License (minors under 21) | \$12.00 |
| • Additional Duplicate Permit or License (minors under 21) | \$16.00 |

The fees listed are for individuals who are unable to demonstrate lawful presence in the U.S.:

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| • Driver License | \$79.58 |
| • Instruction Permit | \$48.19 |
| • Identification Card | \$26.68 |

New to Colorado from Another Country

All new residents who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents must follow Colorado Road and Community Safety Act that authorizes the issuance of a Colorado driver license, instruction permit or identification card. Individuals who are unable to demonstrate lawful presence in the U.S. are required to schedule an appointment with Division of Motor Vehicles.

Although appointments are limited, they can be scheduled up to 90 days in advance. Visit the website below to view the appointment scheduler:

<https://coloradodor.hosted.acftechnologies.com/WAColorado/ACFCustom/Service.aspx>.

Appointments may also be scheduled by calling (303) 205-2335.

For Applicants who can demonstrate temporary lawful presence:

- Must provide documents that demonstrate temporary lawful presence.
- Must have temporary lawful presence verified through the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE).

U.S. Citizens and permanent residents, please bring the following when visiting a driver license office:

- Valid out of state driver license. If it does not display full legal name, bring birth certificate, U.S. passport or military ID.
- If under the age of 18, an Affidavit of Liability or Guardianship (DR2460) must be signed by the parent or legal guardian in front of driver license employee or notary.
- Proof of Social Security Number
- Two proofs of current physical Colorado address.
- Proof of lawful presence (if U.S. citizen or permanently lawfully present in the U.S.)
- Applicable fee (cash, check or credit card).

¹ All fees listed are subject to change

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- Must prove Name, Age, Identity, and Colorado Residency.

For applicants who cannot demonstrate lawful presence:

Must sign an affidavit that the applicant is currently a resident of Colorado and provide proof of a Colorado Tax Return Filing for the immediately preceding year AND present evidence of residency in Colorado **OR**

- Must sign an affidavit that the applicant has been continuously a resident of Colorado for the immediately preceding 24 months and present evidence of residency in Colorado for the immediately preceding twenty-four months.
- Must provide an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) that is issued by the United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS).
- Must sign an affidavit that the applicant has applied or will apply as soon as the applicant is eligible for lawful presence within the US.
- Must show, from their country of origin, a valid:
 - Passport, or
 - Consular identification card, or
 - Military identification document
- All documents must have the applicant's:
 - Full name
 - Date of birth
 - Date of issuance
 - Country of issuance
 - Applicant's photograph
- All documents presented must be in English or translated into English at the cost of the applicant.

NOTE: The translation must be done by a translator who has an unexpired driver license or identification card and affirms their translation.

Related Resources in Mile High United Way's 2-1-1 Database:

[Driver and Vehicle Services - Colorado Department of Motor Vehicles](#)

Sources: Colorado Department of Revenue: Division of Motor Vehicles

(<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dmv/new-colorado-0>)

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