

Section: 1. Issuance of Driver's License

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R.S. 32:409.1

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Requirements

- Proof of Identity¹
- Proof of Residency¹
- Social Security Number¹
- If the name does not appear the same on all documents presented, see <u>Name Changes and</u> Usage.¹
- Appropriate fees.

Driver's License Transfer

- All items listed in Requirements are necessary to obtain a driver's license.
- Your most recently issued license from a previous state (must be surrendered)
 - You will need to provide a driving record, containing name, date of birth, and driver's license number, if you are unable to provide your driver's license from the last state of issuance and you are from the following states:
 - California, Connecticut, Illinois, Kentucky, Nevada, Oklahoma, or West Virginia
- A vision test will be done prior to driver's license issuance.
- Note that you may only hold one valid driver's license issued by any state at one time.
- If you would like to upgrade at the time of transfer, see <u>Classes of Licenses and Age</u> Requirements.³
- Any minor wishing to transfer, see <u>Authorization/Licensing of a Minor's Application for Driver's</u> License.
- You are required to have insurance if you have a vehicle registered in Louisiana, see Acceptable Evidence of Insurance Coverage.
- If transferring a valid commercial license (Class A, B, C) from another state, you will not have
 to take the written skills test, except for Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT). You are required to
 pass the Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) knowledge test prior to issuance. CDL permits will
 not be transferred.

Identification Card

- All items listed in *Requirements* are necessary to obtain an identification card. However, you are **not** required to surrender your out-of-state driver's license.
- It is important to note, that your driving privileges may be cancelled by your home state upon issuance of a Louisiana identification card. Please contact the previous issuing state for more information.
- If you have a Valid Real ID driver's license in another state and want to get a Real ID
 identification card in Louisiana, you must surrender your Real ID driver's license. If your Real
 ID driver's license is suspended and you want to get a Real ID identification card in Louisiana,
 you do not have to surrender your Real ID driver's license.

Notes:

 All documents must have the same name. If the names are different, other than by marriage, the application will be denied until the supporting documents have been changed to reflect the name change. If the out-of-state license already shows the married name of the applicant, a marriage license/certificate is not required.

Related Policies

Section 1, Policy 2.00, Fees and Duration of License/Identification Card

Section 1, Policy 3.04, Residency Requirements for Issuance of a Driver's License or Identification Card

Section 1, Policy 6.00, Identification Requirements

Section 1, Policy 22.00, Name Changes and Usage

Section 1, Policy 8.00, Authorization\Licensing of A Minor's Application For A Driver's License

Section 1, Policy 41.00, Social Security Verification

References:

- ¹ Louisiana State Legislature. *Application or Special Certificate Applications; Penalties for False Information* (R.S. 32:409.1), retrieved from https://legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=88389.
- ² Louisiana State Legislature. *Driver's License Compact* (R.S. 32:1420), retrieved from https://legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=88065.
- 3 Louisiana State Legislature. Application of Minors; Revocation; Applications of Persons Less than Twenty-One Years of Age (R.S. 32:407), retrieved from https://legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=88384.