Section: 1. Issuance of Driver’s License

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R.S. 32:409.1
R.S. 32:407 (A)(2)(b)
R.S. 32:1420
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Requirements
- Proof of Identity
- Proof of Residency
- Social Security Number
- If the name does not appear the same on all documents presented, see Name Changes and Usage.
- 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, Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma, Texas, Vermont, 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 Classes of Licenses and Age Requirements.
- Any minor wishing to transfer, see Authorization/Licensing of a Minor’s Application for Driver’s License.
- You are required to have insurance with an approved Louisiana insurance company if you have a vehicle registered in Louisiana.

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.
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: