

# OFFICIAL FLORIDA DRIVER LICENSE HANDBOOK



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# INTRODUCTION

The *Official Florida Driver License Handbook* is produced by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV). This guide has the information needed to prepare for the Florida Driver License Class E Knowledge Exam, the Driving Skills Test, and to help you drive safely and lawfully.

## Disclaimer

The *Official Florida Driver License Handbook* contains condensed and paraphrased points of Florida laws and provides safety advice not specifically addressed in the laws. The handbook is not a legal authority and is not intended for use in court. This handbook will not reflect any changes made by the Florida Legislature after the last revision date (located at the bottom of this page).

## Warning

Florida law prohibits using a false name, making a false statement, concealing a material fact or otherwise using fraud in an application for a driver license or ID card. The penalty can be up to five years in prison, a \$5,000 fine, and suspension of any existing driving privilege for at least one year.

In addition, it is illegal to permit or authorize an unlicensed person to drive a motor vehicle and doing so can result in a 60-day jail sentence and a \$500 fine. If the vehicle is involved in a crash resulting in bodily injury or death of any person, the person who permitted the unlicensed person to drive may (unless it is an automatic mandatory suspension) have their license suspended for one year.

## Public Records

Florida law requires FLHSMV to collect certain personal information during the licensing process. This information, which identifies licensed individuals, is used for records management, driver improvement, financial responsibility, and law enforcement purposes. If you do not provide the required information, you will not receive a driver license or ID card.

Florida's Public Records Law makes all records made or received by FLHSMV in the course of its official business available for inspection, unless specifically exempted by law. Personal information, including name, address, and driver license number is exempt from public disclosure, but may be given to law enforcement agencies and other entities permitted by law to access the information. Medical information, social security number, and emergency contact information are available only as specifically authorized by law.

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# PENDING STATUTE CHANGES FOR 2023

As of the approval of this handbook, the following legislation has passed the Florida Legislature and is contingent upon becoming law, or further action taken by the Governor.

## HB 0001 – Education

- ◆ Allows Individual Education Plans (IEPs) as an alternative to traditional school attendance. Drivers under 18 can submit proof of their IEP to prevent a truancy-related driver license suspension.

## SB 272 – Children and Young Adults in Out-of-Home Care

- ◆ Eliminates the requirement for young adults who are eligible for enrollment in Postsecondary Education Services and Support to have also been in licensed out of home care when they reached 18 years of age.

## HB 425 – Transportation

- ◆ Expands the Move Over Law to include moving over for:
  - ◆ A disabled motor vehicle that is stopped and displaying warning lights or hazard lights.
  - ◆ A vehicle that is stopped and is using emergency flares or posting emergency signage.
  - ◆ A vehicle that is stopped and one or more persons are visibly present.

## HB 657 – Enforcement of School Zone Speed Limits

- ◆ Authorizes counties or municipalities to install camera-equipped radar detection devices in order to enforce speed limits in school zones at specified periods;

- ◆ School districts using the technology must post signage warning drivers where speed detection systems are being used.
- ◆ The registered owner of a motor vehicle found who is in violation is subject to a \$100 fine.

## SB 766 – Enforcement of School Bus Passing Infractions

- ◆ Allows school districts to install and operate infraction detection systems to capture violations of drivers failing to stop for a school bus displaying a stop signal. The buses equipped with the infraction detection system will have the following:
  - ◆ The words “STOP WHEN RED LIGHTS FLASH” or “DO NOT PASS WHEN RED LIGHTS FLASH.”
  - ◆ The words “CAMERA ENFORCED.”
  - ◆ A graphic symbol of a camera.
- ◆ The registered owner of a motor vehicle found who is in violation is subject to a civil penalty of \$200 for either passing a school bus while the school bus displays a stop signal or for passing a school bus on the side that children enter and exit while the school bus displays a stop signal.
- ◆ An additional fine of \$25 will be collected and dedicated to the safe school’s allocation provided to school districts by the Florida Department of Education.

### **HB 965 – Driver License, Identification Card, and Motor Vehicle Registration**

- ◆ Beginning October 1, 2023, the requirement that persons seeking to reinstate suspended or revoked driving privileges must obtain noncancelable coverage for at least six months will be removed.

### **HB 1087 – Child Support**

- ◆ Expands the reasons the obligor may enter into a payment agreement with a deferred start date and avoid suspension of their driver license and motor vehicle registration, to include when the obligor is participating in good faith in job training.

### **HB 949 – Operation of a Golf Cart**

- ◆ Beginning October 1, 2023, a person operating a golf cart on public roads or streets who is under 18 years of age must possess a valid learner’s driver license or valid driver license, and a person who is 18 years of age or older must possess a valid form of government-issued photographic identification.

### **SB 1718 – Immigration**

- ◆ Amends the human smuggling crime in s. 787.07, Florida Statutes (FS), to provide that a person commits a third-degree felony when they knowingly and willfully transport into this state an individual who the person knows, or reasonably should know, has entered the United States in violation of law and has not been inspected by the Federal Government since their unlawful entry.
- ◆ A person commits a separate offense for each individual they transport into this state in violation of this section.
- ◆ It also enhances the offense to a second-degree felony if a person:
  - ◆ Transports a minor into the state in violation of this section;
  - ◆ Commits five or more separate offenses under this section during a single episode; or
  - ◆ Has a prior conviction for human smuggling and commits a subsequent violation of human smuggling.

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# LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome Florida Motorist,

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) provides the *Official Florida Driver License Handbook* to educate and encourage you to safely learn the rules of the road and become a confident and responsible driver.

When you are behind the wheel, you should be knowledgeable of traffic laws and how to safely operate your vehicle without distraction or impairment. Florida's population includes residents and tourists who travel on state roadways; you must always exercise caution and pay attention to your actions, those of other drivers, and the roadway itself. Every day in Florida over 1,000 crashes occur, many of which are preventable. You are responsible for taking driving seriously, understanding that your choices before and while behind the wheel affect everyone on the roadway.

Impaired, drowsy, speeding, aggressive, and distracted driving are behaviors that most significantly contribute to crashes resulting in fatalities or serious injuries. Before you decide to drive, you should be free of alcohol, drug, or prescription pill impairment, calm and focused. Responsible driving keeps everyone safe.

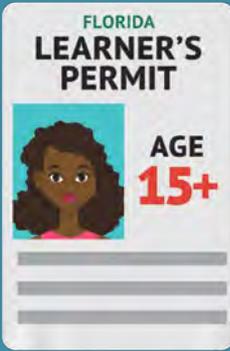
Once licensed, you have the freedom to explore all that Florida has to offer. Our roadways will take you from the beaches in the South to the canopied roads of North Florida. Please remember while enjoying the state to take your safety and that of others seriously by obeying traffic laws and committing to only operate your vehicle free of distraction, impairment or reckless behavior.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Kerner'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dave Kerner  
Executive Director  
Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

# IMPORTANT INFO FOR MINOR DRIVERS



## LEARNER'S LICENSE

- ◆ Always drive accompanied by a licensed driver, age 21+, who rides in the closest seat to the right of the driver.
- ◆ Must only drive during daylight hours during the first three months. After three months, may drive until 10 pm.
- ◆ Must have at least 50 hours of driving experience prior to getting driver license, and 10 hours should be at night.



## AGE 16 WITH DRIVER LICENSE

May drive from 6 am to 11 pm unless driving to or from work **OR** accompanied by a licensed driver who is 21+.

## AGE 17 WITH DRIVER LICENSE

May drive from 5 am to 1 am unless driving to or from work **OR** accompanied by a licensed driver who is 21+.

## DRIVING RECORD POINTS

Drivers under the age of 18 who accumulate six or more points within a 12-month period are automatically restricted to driving for "Business Purposes ONLY" for one year.

## REMEMBER...

Always carry your driver license with you when driving, and always have proof of vehicle registration and insurance with you in the vehicle you are driving.

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# DRIVER LICENSES & ID CARDS

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## Definitions

**Resident:** A person who has his or her principal place of domicile in Florida for a period of more than six consecutive months; has registered to vote; has made a statement of domicile pursuant to section 222.17, Florida Statutes (FS); or has filed for homestead exemption on property in this state.

**Immigrant:** A “Permanent Resident Alien” who is admitted to the United States (US) as a lawful permanent resident. Immigrants are legally accorded the privilege of residing permanently in the US and are issued immigrant visas or adjusted to permanent resident status by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS).

**Non-Immigrant:** An alien who seeks temporary entry to the US for a specific purpose and who has declared the intention to stay only for a temporary period of time.

**US Citizen:** A person born in the US, its territories, Naturalized, or one who has obtained a Certificate of Citizenship from the US Department of State.

## Who Needs a Florida License to Drive?

If you are a Florida resident, you must get a Florida driver license to drive a motor vehicle on public streets and highways.

A non-resident (except a migrant or seasonal farm worker) who accepts employment or engages in a trade, profession or occupation in this state, or enrolls their child in a Florida public school must get a Florida driver license within **30 days** in order to operate a motor vehicle.

## Exceptions for the Florida Driver License

You do not have to get a Florida driver license to drive in Florida if you are a non-resident who is at least 16 years old and have:

- ◆ a valid non-commercial driver license from another state or territory of the US; or
- ◆ an International Driving Permit from your country of residence accompanied by a valid driver license from that country.

The following individuals are also exempt if they hold a valid driver license from their state/country:

- ◆ US government employee driving a non-commercial US government motor vehicle on official business.
- ◆ Any non-resident working for a firm on a contract for the US government and driving a non-commercial vehicle. (This exemption is only for 60 days.)
- ◆ Members of the Armed Forces stationed in Florida, their spouses and dependents.
- ◆ A licensed driver who lives in another state and travels regularly between home and work in Florida.

- ◆ Any non-resident attending college in Florida.
- ◆ Non-resident migrant farm workers—even though they are employed or place children in public schools—providing they have a valid driver license from their home state.
- ◆ Those who drive only vehicles like farm tractors or road machines temporarily on the highway.

## Reciprocity

The Class E Knowledge and Driving Skill exams are reciprocated (waived) if you present a valid driver license from any of the following:

- ◆ US states, territories/possessions\*
- ◆ US Military
- ◆ Canada\*\*
- ◆ France
- ◆ Germany (driving skills test only)
- ◆ Republic of China (Taiwan)
- ◆ South Korea

Note: A vision exam is still required.

\* Licenses from other states or US territories/possessions must be surrendered when the Florida driver license is issued.

\*\*Canadians can reciprocate examination requirements by surrendering their Canadian driver license. If not surrendered, Class E exams will be required.

## License Classifications

### Non-Commercial Driver Licenses

**Class E** allows drivers to operate non-commercial vehicles with Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) less than 26,001 pounds.

**Motorcycles:** To operate any two or three wheel motorcycle, whose engine size is more than 50 cc, you are required to have a motorcycle endorsement on your driver license or hold a ‘Motorcycle Only’ license. For additional information on motorcycle requirements please visit: [flhsmv.gov/motorcycle-rider-education-endorsements](http://flhsmv.gov/motorcycle-rider-education-endorsements)

### Commercial Driver Licenses

You must have a Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) **Class A, B, or C** to operate:

- ◆ Any single vehicle with a GVWR of 26,001 or more pounds; or
- ◆ A combination vehicle with a gross combination weight rating of 26,001 or more pounds, if the trailer has a GVWR of 10,001 or more pounds; or
- ◆ A vehicle designed to transport 16 or more passengers (including the driver); or
- ◆ Any size vehicle which requires hazardous material placards or is carrying material listed as a select-agent or toxin in 42 CFR part 73. Federal regulations through the Department of Homeland Security require a background check and fingerprinting for the Hazardous Materials endorsement.

See the [Florida CDL Handbook](#) for more information.

## Requirements for BOTH Driver License and ID Cards

All applicants for a Florida driver license or ID card must present:

1. Primary identification;
2. Proof of social security number or secondary identification;
3. Two documents that show your Florida residential address.

All documents must be original or certified; photocopies or notarized copies will not be accepted.

If your name has changed since the primary identification was issued, you will need to present a name change document such as a marriage certificate, divorce decree or court order to link the names between the primary identification and the name that will be used on the driver license or ID card. (See **Name Changes on page 12.**)

Please visit [flhsmv.gov/WhatToBring](https://flhsmv.gov/WhatToBring) to obtain a list of requirements.

### Step 1: Primary Identification

**US Citizens** must provide **one** of the following original or certified documents:

- ◆ Certified US birth certificate, including territories and the District of Columbia. The birth certificate must be issued by a government agency. Hospital birth certificates will not be accepted.
- ◆ Valid US passport or Passport Card.
- ◆ Consular Report of Birth Abroad.
- ◆ Certificate of Naturalization.
- ◆ Certificate of Citizenship.

**Immigrants** must provide **one** of the following original or certified documents:

- ◆ Valid Alien Registration receipt card (Green card, Form I-151 or I-551, or Permanent Resident Card).
- ◆ I-551 stamp in a valid passport with a valid US Visa affixed or on an approved I-94.
- ◆ Immigration Judge's Order, with the customer's A-number, granting asylum with a valid passport.
- ◆ I-797, with the customer's A-number, stating the customer has been granted asylum with a valid passport.
- ◆ I-797, I-94 indicating the customer entered as a refugee or a form from the Citizenship and Immigration Services, with the customer's A-number, stating the customer's application for Refugee status is approved with a valid passport.

**Canadian Citizens** must provide **one** of the following original or certified documents:

- ◆ Valid Canadian passport.
- ◆ Canadian birth certificate.
- ◆ Canadian Naturalization Certificate.
- ◆ Canadian Certificate of Citizenship.

**Non-Immigrants** must provide **one** of the following original documents:

- ◆ Valid Employment Authorization Card issued by the USCIS (Form I-688B or I-766).
- ◆ Proof of non-immigrant classification provided by USCIS or US Customs and Border Protection (Form I-94, not expired, with required supporting attachments). I-4s must be accompanied by a valid Passport with a valid US Visa affixed.

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Certain classifications require additional documentation. Some examples are:

- ◆ F-1 and M-1 classification must also be accompanied by an I-20.
- ◆ J-1 or J-2 designation must be accompanied by a DS-2019.
- ◆ Refugee, asylee and parolee classifications must be accompanied by additional documentation such as a I-94 with picture affixed.

The following documents will only be accepted with a supporting document, including but not limited to a passport, Florida driver license or ID card, driver license from another state, employment authorization card, employer identification from home country, identification from school or college, social security card or other citizenship and immigration services document, including:

- ◆ I-571 Travel Document/Refugee Travel Permit with a valid passport.
- ◆ I-512 Parole Letter Accepted with a valid passport.
- ◆ IJO Asylum or Cancellation of Removal Immigration Judges Order granting Asylum or Cancellation of Removal with a valid passport.

Immigrants, Canadian citizens, and other non-immigrants applying for a Florida driver license may be issued a 60-day temporary driving permit without a photo. Non-US citizens applying for an original ID card will be issued a receipt.

FLHSMV will verify the documents validity with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. If your identity and legal presence is verified, you will be issued a driver license or ID card.

If proof of identity/legal presence does not verify, the transaction will require secondary verification. If the secondary proof of identity/legal presence verifies, the driver license or ID card will be mailed to you; if the secondary verification does not verify, the driver license or ID card issuance will be denied.

Immigrants and non-immigrants can contact USCIS for more information about obtaining identification/legal presence documents.

## Step 2: Social Security Number or Secondary Identification

### *Social Security Number*

Florida law requires the collection of your social security number. FLHSMV will electronically verify the information with the Social Security Administration. All applicants for a driver license or ID card must present one of the following original or certified documents:

- ◆ Social Security card.
- ◆ W-2 form.
- ◆ Paycheck containing your complete social security number.
- ◆ 1099 form (pre-printed by issuer).
- ◆ Military ID.

The name on your social security document must match the name that you wish to have on your driver license ID card. If you recently changed your name, you must update your records with the Social Security Administration first.

## Secondary Identification

If you have never been issued a social security number and you are a US citizen or immigrant, you must provide **one** of the secondary documents listed below. All non-immigrants must provide **one** of the following secondary documents:

- ◆ A driver license or ID card from the District of Columbia, US Territories, or one of the 50 states.
- ◆ US military or military dependent ID card.
- ◆ School record stating date of birth (must contain registrar's signature).
- ◆ Transcript of the birth record filed with a public officer charged with the duty of recording certificates.
- ◆ An insurance policy on the customer's life that has been in force for at least two years and that has the month, day, and year of birth.
- ◆ Florida driver license record or ID card record.
- ◆ Selective Service Registration (Draft Card).
- ◆ Receipt copy of your last Florida driver license issuance.
- ◆ Immigration Form I-571.
- ◆ Federal Form DD-214 (military record).
- ◆ Marriage certificate.
- ◆ Court order, which includes legal name.
- ◆ A Florida voter registration card, which was issued at least three months previously.
- ◆ Florida Vehicle Registration certificate obtained from the service center where the customer's vehicle was registered. Florida, or out-of-state registration

certificate, if name and date of birth are shown.

- ◆ Parent consent form of minor, signed by the parent or legal guardian.
- ◆ Government issued out-of-country passport, driver license, or ID card.
- ◆ Baptism certificate that shows date of birth and the place of baptism.
- ◆ Family Bible record or birth announcement in a baby book.
- ◆ Concealed weapons permit.

## Step 3: Proof of Residential Address\*

All applicants for a driver license or ID card must present **two** documents with their Florida residential address:

- ◆ Deed, mortgage, monthly mortgage statement, mortgage payment booklet, or residential rental/lease agreement.\*
- ◆ Florida Voter Registration Card.
- ◆ Florida Vehicle Registration or Title.
- ◆ Florida Vessel Registration or Title (if living on a boat/houseboat).
- ◆ Statements (Contact your local driver license service center for information about using statements).
- ◆ A utility hook-up.
- ◆ Automobile Payment Booklet.
- ◆ Selective Service Card.
- ◆ Medical or health card with address listed.
- ◆ Current homeowner insurance policy or bill.
- ◆ Current automobile insurance policy or bill.

- ◆ Educational institution transcript forms for the current school year.
- ◆ Unexpired professional license issued by a government agency in the US.
- ◆ W-2 form or 1099 form.
- ◆ Form DS2019, Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) status.
- ◆ A letter from a homeless shelter, transitional service provider, or halfway house verifying that the customer resides at the shelter address.
- ◆ Utility bills, mail from financial institutions; including checking, savings, or investment account statements.
- ◆ Mail from federal, state, county or city government agencies (including city and county agencies).
- ◆ Transients—Sexual Offender/Predator/Career Offender: FDLE Registration Form completed by local sheriff's department.

\* Individuals living with another person must present two documents and a letter from that person.

## Requirements for Class E Learner's & Driver License

### Learner's License

1. Be at least 15 years old.
2. Completion of Traffic Law and Substance Abuse Education Course (TLSAE)\*.
3. Pass Vision and Class E Knowledge exams.

### Driver License

1. Be at least 16 years old.
2. Completion of TLSAE Course\*.
3. Provide required identification.
4. Pass Vision, Class E Knowledge, and Driving Skill exams.

If under age 18:

- ◆ Must hold a learner's license for 12 months or until the 18th birthday, whichever comes first.
- ◆ Must have **NO** moving traffic violation convictions for 12 months from learner's license date of issue. May have **ONE** moving traffic violation (within 12 months of learner's license issue) if adjudication is withheld.
- ◆ A parent, legal guardian, or responsible adult 21 years old or older, must certify that the driver has had at least 50 hours of driving experience, of which 10 hours were at night.
- ◆ Must have parent or guardian sign parental consent form.
- ◆ Must be in compliance with school attendance.

\* You must complete a TLSAE course if you have never held— or do not have in your possession— a driver license in any state, country, or jurisdiction and are applying for a learner's or driver license.

Applicants who successfully pass a driver's education course at a certified DELAP school are exempt from the TLSAE requirement

### Parental Consent for Minors

If you are under age 18 and are not married, a parent or legal guardian must sign your license application in front of the driver license agent or a notary public.\*

The individual who signs the application agrees to take responsibility for your driving. If the signer rescinds responsibility, your license will be canceled.

To cancel the license, the signer must write a letter to FLHSMV requesting to withdraw their consent for the minor driver, and include the minor driver's complete name, date of birth, and license number. Send the request to:

Bureau Chief of Motorist Compliance  
Division of Motorist Services  
2900 Apalachee Parkway—MS 87  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0575

The signer may also go to [MyDMVPortal.flhsmv.gov](https://mydmvportal.flhsmv.gov) to cancel the license.

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\* Married minors must show certified marriage certificate. Emancipated minors must show certified court order.

## **Physical & Mental Requirements**

You must list any physical or mental issues that might affect your driving on your driver license application.

If you have epilepsy, fainting spells, dizziness, blackouts, or any other medical condition that could impair your driving, you may be asked to have your doctor complete a medical report form. This form can be requested through your local driver license service center. The report must be completed by your doctor and submitted to FLHSMV before a driver license is issued.

If you are diabetic and use insulin, you may request that “Insulin Dependent” is indicated on your driver license.

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## Restriction Codes

If you have a restriction on your license and do not comply with the requirements, you could receive a citation and have your license suspended.

Code	Restriction
B	<b>Corrective Lenses.</b> This person must wear corrective lenses (glasses or contacts) at all times when driving a vehicle.
C	<b>Hand Controls or Pedal Extension.</b> This person can only drive a vehicle that has hand controls or a pedal extension.
F	<b>Outside Rear-view Mirror.</b> The vehicle the person is driving must have an out-side rear-view mirror (left side) on the car.
G	<b>Daylight Driving Only.</b> (Dawn to dusk)
H	<b>Employment Purposes Only.</b> Driving privilege is limited to driving to and from work and on-the-job driving required by an employer or occupation.
I	<b>Other Restrictions.</b>
1	<b>Business Purposes Only.</b> Driving privilege is limited to any driving necessary to maintain livelihood, e.g., to and from work, on-the-job, educational purposes, church, and for medical purposes.
2	<b>Probation-Interlock Device.</b> This person can only drive a vehicle that has a device that locks the ignition.
3	<b>Medical Alert Bracelet.</b>
4	<b>Automatic Transmission.</b> This person can only drive a vehicle that has an automatic transmission.
5	<b>Power Steering.</b> This person can only drive a vehicle that has power steering.
6	<b>Directional Signals.</b> This person can only drive a vehicle that has mechanical signals.
7	<b>Grip on Steering Wheel.</b> This person can only drive a vehicle that has a knob or grip on the steering wheel.
8	<b>Left Foot Accelerator.</b> This person can only drive a vehicle that has a left foot accelerator.
9	<b>Hearing Aid.</b> This person must wear a hearing aid at all times while driving.

## ID Card Requirements

If you need an ID card, you can apply at any driver license service center. To obtain an ID card, you must:

1. Be 5 years of age or older\*.
2. Present required identification, proof of Social Security number, and proof of residential address.

ID cards issued to persons 5–14 years of age will be valid for four years; all others will be valid for eight years.

Persons holding a driver license who wish to obtain a Florida ID card must surrender their driver license. You are prohibited from holding both a driver license and an ID card at the same time.

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\* Any person, regardless of age, can be issued an ID card if applying for a disabled parking permit.

## ID Cards for Homeless Persons

If you are homeless, you can get an ID card at no cost. You must provide a current letter from a local homeless shelter verifying that you are homeless and meet the identification documentation requirements.

## ID Cards for Persons at or Below Poverty Level

You can get an ID card at no cost, as long as you meet the identification documentation requirements and provide one of the following documents:

- ◆ Tax return from last year with gross income that meets 100% federal poverty level.
- ◆ Proof of enrollment in ACCESS, the Department of Children and Families' Florida benefits program.

## Required Designations

### Career Offenders

Career offenders are persons who are designated as habitual violent felony offenders, violent career criminals, or three-time violent felony offenders.

Within two working days after completing the required registration as a career offender in Florida, individuals who are not incarcerated, including those under the supervision of the Florida Department of Corrections, shall register in person at the driver license service center.

Career offenders must report in person to the driver license service center every time their driver license or ID card is subject to renewal and within two working days after any change in name or address.

### Selective Service

State law requires any male who is a US citizen or immigrant, who is at least 18 years old but less than 26 years old, to comply with Federal Selective Service System requirements when applying to receive a driver license, a learner's license, a commercial driver's license, an ID card, or a renewal or replacement card or license. ([www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov))

### Sexual Offenders & Sexual Predators

Within 48 hours after completing the required initial registration as a sexual predator or sexual offender in Florida, individuals who are not incarcerated, including those under the supervision of the Florida Department of Corrections, shall register in person at a driver license service center or tax collector's office.

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The sexual predator or sexual offender must identify him or herself as such and provide their place of permanent or temporary residence. Post Office box numbers may not be used in place of a physical residential address.

Sexual offenders will have “943.0435 F.S.” printed on the front of their driver license or ID card. Sexual predators will have “SEXUAL PREDATOR” printed on the front of their driver license or ID card.

Sexual predators and offenders must report in person to a driver license service center every time their license or ID card is subject to renewal and within 48 hours after any change in name or address.

## **Optional Designations**

### ***Florida Organ & Tissue Donor***

Donate Life Florida is the non-profit organization that oversees the state’s organ, eye, and tissue donor registry. The Joshua Abbott Organ & Tissue Donor Registry allows Floridians to join the state’s organ and tissue donor registry when obtaining/renewing their license at a local driver license service center. By registering as a donor, you could save up to eight lives.

[DonateLifeFlorida.org](https://www.donateliflorida.org)  
1-877-FL-SHARE

### ***Veteran Designation***

Any honorably discharged US veteran may have the designation “Veteran” placed on their driver license or ID card at no charge. The veteran will need to provide a copy of their DD214 or other approved discharge document at the time of issuance.

## ***Voluntary Contributions***

When you are applying for a driver license or ID card, you may voluntarily contribute to legislatively approved programs and special trust funds. A complete list of voluntary contributions is available at [flhsmv.gov/voluntary-contributions](https://flhsmv.gov/voluntary-contributions).

## **Address and Name Changes**

### ***Change of Address***

You must obtain a new driver license within 30 calendar days of any change to your mailing or residential address. You may change the address on your driver license or ID card by:

- ◆ Visiting [MyDMVPortal.flhsmv.gov](https://MyDMVPortal.flhsmv.gov).
- ◆ Visiting your local driver license service center or tax collector’s office.

After receiving the new driver license, destroy your old license as required by Florida law.

If you fail to report a change of address you may not receive your motor vehicle registration renewal, your driver license renewal, or notices of potential sanctions.

If you are pulled over by law enforcement and the address on your driver license is incorrect, you may receive a citation.

### ***Name Changes***

If your name has changed and you would like your name to appear on your driver license or ID card differently than what is on your primary identification, you will need to:

- ◆ Present an original or certified government issued marriage certificate, divorce decree, or court order as a name change document.

- ◆ Have your name changed on your social security card
- ◆ **Immigrants and Non-Immigrants** must have your name changed on your USCIS documents before you can change your name on your Florida driver license or ID card.
- ◆ **Canadian Citizens** must change your name on your Canadian passport before applying for a name change on your driver license or ID card.

## Driver License/ID Card Replacement

If your driver license or ID card is lost or stolen, apply for a replacement immediately. A replacement can be obtained at a driver license service center or online at [MyDMVPortal.flhsmv.gov](https://MyDMVPortal.flhsmv.gov).

If the card was stolen and you provide a copy of the police report (in person), the replacement fee is waived as long as you are not making any changes to the card.

### Replacement Requirements

- ◆ Primary identification, proof of social security number, and two proofs of residential address are required if you have not been issued a Florida driver license or ID card in a field office since January 1, 2010.
- ◆ If you changed your address, you will need to provide two approved proof of address documents.
- ◆ If your name has changed, you will need to provide approved documents establishing your new name.

## License Renewal

Class E driver licenses are valid for six to eight years. Expiration dates may vary for driver license renewals issued to non-immigrants.

Your license may **not** be renewed if:

- ◆ You are not eligible to receive a driver license.
- ◆ You did not answer a summons which involved a traffic violation.
- ◆ Your driver license is suspended, revoked, or canceled.
- ◆ You do not present the required documentation.

### Renewal Requirements

1. Present your old driver license.
2. Pass a vision exam.
3. If you have changed your address, you will need to provide two approved proof of address documents with your new address.
4. If your name has changed, you will need to provide the approved documents establishing your new name.

Primary identification, proof of social security number and two proofs of residential address (**see page 5**) are required if you have not been issued a Florida driver license or ID card in a field office since January 1, 2010.

Any non-immigrant holding a driver license or ID card who needs a renewal or replacement driver license or ID card must apply in person.

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## Renewing Online

If you are a US citizen or immigrant, you can renew your driver license online at [MyDMVPortal.flhsmv.gov](https://mydmvportal.flhsmv.gov).

You are not eligible for online renewal if:

- ◆ Your previous renewal was by phone, mail, or online.
- ◆ You are not a US citizen or permanent resident.
- ◆ Your driving privilege is suspended, revoked, or canceled and you want an ID card.

After your request is processed, you will receive a six or eight year license. Florida law requires that you destroy your old driver license after receiving the new driver license. Application for renewal received after the license expiration date (midnight of your birthday) requires a \$15 late fee.

## Drivers 80 Years Old and Older

All drivers who are 80 years of age or older and who are renewing their driver license are required to pass a vision exam. The exam may be administered at a driver license service center at no additional charge or by your Florida licensed health care practitioner, such as your medical doctor or optometrist. A vision examination report (Form HSMV 72119) must be completed and submitted to FLHSMV if your vision test is administered by your doctor. Once it is filed, you will then be able to renew online or by mail.

Should you elect to have your vision exam at a local driver license service center, please schedule an appointment so that we can serve you more efficiently. Upon passing the vision exam, you can complete the renewal process. However, if a problem is detected, you will be referred to your eye doctor for follow-up, prior to being able to renew.

## Fees

### Fees for Driver License/ID Card

Initial license fee for first Florida license.....	\$48
Learner's license (original) .....	\$48
Class E driver license renewal .....	\$48
Learner's license renewal.....	\$48
Replacement license .....	\$25
ID card (original) .....	\$25
ID card (replacement or renewal) .....	\$25
Delinquent fee for renewals after expiration date .....	\$15

## Reinstatement Fees

Administrative fee for insurance fraud .....	\$180
Administrative fee alcohol & drug-related offenses.....	\$130
After a license has been revoked.....	\$75
After a license has been suspended .....	\$45
Suspension for failure to pay or appear for a traffic citation.....	\$60
Suspension for failure to pay child support (Court Ordered) .....	\$60
Suspension for failure to pay child support (DOR) .....	\$45
Suspension for failure to pay court financial obligations .....	\$60
Worthless checks.....	\$55

## Insurance Reinstatement Fees

Failure to maintain liability insurance .....	\$15
Failure to maintain PIP insurance:	
(1st suspension).....	\$150
(2nd suspension)* .....	\$250
(3rd suspension)* .....	\$500
(1st suspension — resulting from a DUI conviction).....	\$150
(2nd suspension — resulting from a DUI conviction) .....	\$250
(3rd suspension — resulting from a DUI conviction) .....	\$500

\*Within three years of first suspension.

## Other Fees

Written re-tests (Class E Knowledge Exam).....	\$10
Driving skills re-tests.....	\$20
Motorcycle endorsement .....	\$7
Tax collector service fee (for services provided at a tax collector office).....	\$6.25

## Exempt Fees for 100% Disabled US Veterans

Any veteran honorably discharged from the Armed Forces who was issued a valid ID card by the Department of Veterans Affairs, or a letter of disability determination from the Veterans Administration and has been determined by the Veterans Administration to have a 100% service-connected disability, is exempt from paying certain driver license fees such as initial license fees and renewal fees. All ID card fees are exempt.

# MOVE OVER

or slow down for emergency lights.

- > Move over a lane for stopped law enforcement, emergency, sanitation, utility service, towing, maintenance/construction vehicles; and disabled motor vehicles that are stopped and displaying warning lights/hazard lights, using emergency flares or signage or where one or more persons are visibly present.
- > If you can't move over, slow to 20 mph less than the posted speed limit.
- > If the posted speed limit is 20 mph or less, slow down to 5 mph.

Learn more:  
[flhsmv.gov/MoveOver](https://flhsmv.gov/MoveOver)

