Obtaining a Driver’s License
International Student & Scholar Services

A driver’s license is commonly used as a form of identification in the United States. If you will not be driving but want an American form of identification, ask for a state ID card instead of a driver’s license; your passport also serves as official identification.

What should I take to the MVC to get my driver’s license?

You should have the following documents with you when applying for a New Jersey driver’s license, driver’s permit, or state ID card:

- If you have one, a valid international driver’s license. You will not be required to take the driving portion of the test (only the written portion) if you have an international driver’s license.
- Valid passport
- Valid I-94 (white card)
- Valid visa document to correspond with non-immigrant status:
  - F-1/F-2: valid I-20
  - J-1/J-2: valid DS-2019
- Proof of address (bills, checkbook, bank statement, or university letter)
- Student ID and proof of enrollment (recent acceptance letter or official transcript)
- Social Security Card (if you have one). **If you are not eligible for a Social Security card, you must get a letter from the Social Security office stating your ineligibility.**

For more information, you can call the Department of Motor Vehicles at 1-888-486-3339, or visit their website: [http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/](http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/).