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HOW TO APPLY FOR A FLORIDA DRIVER'S LICENSE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS F-1 AND J-1 VISA STATUS

You may either walk in or make an appointment with the Florida Department of Motor Vehicles office. Following are the two locations closest to campus:

Broward County: Deerfield Beach Office
100 South Military Trail, Suite 26
Deerfield Beach, FL 33441
Phone number: (954) 497-1570
Open Mon-Fri 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Palm Beach County: Delray Beach Office
501 South Congress Avenue
Delray Beach, FL 33445
Phone number: (561) 355-2264
Open: Mon-Fri 8:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

To make an appointment at any office go to:

<https://services.flhsmv.gov/oasis/>

STEP 1: If you do not have a driver's license from your home country you must first take the **Traffic Law & Substance Abuse Education Course** http://www.flhsmv.gov/ddl/TLSAE_providers.html

STEP 2: Study the information in the Florida Driver's Handbook: <http://www.flhsmv.gov/handbooks/>

STEP 4: Go to the office with the following documentation:

- A. Valid passport
- B. Form I-20 (for F-1 students) or DS-2019 (for J-1 exchange visitors)
- C. I-94 printout
- D. \$48.00 processing fee (cash, credit card except Visa, check, or money order)
- E. **Two** of the following documents showing your address in Florida to confirm your residence. The following are acceptable:
 - 1) Educational institution transcript forms for the current school year
 - 2) Utility bills (cell phone, electric bill), not more than two months old
 - 3) Mail from financial institutions; including checking, savings, or investment account statements, not more than two months old
 - 4) Credit card statement
 - 5) A letter from our office confirming your local address

STEP 5: Take the exams:

- a) **Hearing** - Drivers applying for a license who are deaf, or cannot hear conversation spoken in a normal tone of voice, are restricted to driving with an outside rearview mirror which should be mounted on the left side of the vehicle, or wearing of a hearing aid.
- b) **Vision** - Vision testing, using an eye machine located on the counter, is conducted in all [driver license offices](#). Visual acuity readings worse than 20/40 are referred to an eye specialist. Color blindness will not cause any special condition for licensing.
- c) **Knowledge Exam** - 50 multiple choice questions about traffic laws and traffic signs.
- d) **Driving Test** - You must provide a vehicle for the driving test. The vehicle must have a valid tag, proof of insurance, and pass a vehicle inspection. During the driving test, the examiner will observe your ability to control the vehicle and how well you obey traffic laws.

GOOD LUCK! Please contact our office if you experience any documentation issues.