

**Lawrence University**  
**Office of International Student Services**

**How to Get a Driver License**

International students can drive legally using their valid home country's driver's license for up to one year from their date of arrival to the United States. For those who choose to drive using their home country's license, it is also recommended to carry an International Driving Permit or English translation of the license. Students who intend drive and will be in Wisconsin for more than 12 months should obtain a Wisconsin license. **Note:** An individual may not operate a motor vehicle in Wisconsin unless the owner or driver of the vehicle has documented proof of liability insurance.

**Meet Licensing Requirements**

International students over 18 years of age must bring the following documents to the DMV in order to apply for a driver's license:

1. Completed form MV3001 available at the DMV or online at <http://www.dot.state.wi.us/drivers/forms/mv3001.pdf>
2. Unexpired foreign passport with U.S. visa
3. I-94 arrival record print out
4. Social Security Card OR if you are not eligible for a Social Security Number, a signed form MV3741 (SSN non-eligibility certification statement) available at the DMV.
5. Lawrence University ID card
6. Proof of Wisconsin residency: (One of the following documents dated within the last 90 days)
  - An account statement from your bank with your address listed
  - Paycheck statement stating that Lawrence is your employer and the Lawrence address
  - Mobile phone bill with your address listed
7. Money for DMV fees (listed below)

**Pass the Driving Tests**

**1. Knowledge Test**

The Knowledge Test is given on a touch-screen computer at the Appleton DMV. No appointment is required to take the Knowledge Test. It is highly recommended to study the Wisconsin Motorists' Handbook in order to be well-prepared for the test.

<http://www.dot.state.wi.us/drivers/drivers/apply/handbook.htm>

**The fee to take the Knowledge Test is \$35.00.**

**2. Vision Test**

The Vision Test is conducted at the DMV on the same day as the Knowledge Test. Individuals must demonstrate 20/100 vision in at least one eye for a regular driver license.

### 3. Receive Driver Permit

After passing both the Knowledge Test and the Vision Test, applicants are eligible to receive the Wisconsin Driver Permit (usually on the same day). **The fee for the permit is \$35.00.** Permit holders must then practice for a minimum of seven days (and up to a maximum of one year) before taking the Driving Skills Test. Permit holders can schedule the Driving Skills Test the same day they receive their permit or later by visiting the DMV. **Note:** Driver Permit holders must be accompanied by a driver who is at least 19 years old, has at least two years licensed driving experience, and holds a valid regular license.

### 4. Driving Skills Test

In order to receive the official Driver License, Permit holders must schedule the Driving Skills test in advance. It is highly recommended to study prior to the test using the Wisconsin Motorists' Handbook: <http://www.dot.state.wi.us/drivers/drivers/apply/handbook.htm>. **The fee for each Driving Skills Test is \$15.00.** Test takers will need a safe vehicle with appropriate registration and insurance in order to complete the test.

### 5. Receive Your License!

After passing the Driving Skills test, test takers will need to pay the final fee of **\$28.00 for the Driver License.** The DMV will mail the final license 5-10 business days after your test. However, if an individual passes the test, he/she is immediately eligible to driving using the eligibility paper received at the DMV.

For more information, contact the Wisconsin Department of Transportation at 608-264-7049 or <http://www.dot.state.wi.us/drivers/> or <http://www.dot.state.wi.us/drivers/drivers/apply/foreign.htm>

#### Appleton Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

711 W. Association Drive

Appleton, WI 54914

#### Hours of Operation:

**Monday:** 8:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

**Tuesday:** 8:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

**Wednesday:** 8:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

**Thursday:** 8:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

**Friday:** 8:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

**Saturday:** Closed

**Sunday:** Closed

#### DMV Payment Options:

Cash, checks, most debit cards, and credit cards  
(MasterCard, American Express, and Discover only)