

CALIFORNIA DRIVER LICENSE OR CALIFORNIA IDENTIFICATION CARD (ID)

C: Regist Fold Driver Lic. 10/16/17

Please read Items A, B, and C before applying for your driver license or ID card.

Item A: If you have a student visa (F-1), you must wait at least 10 calendar days from the date of entry into the United States to apply for a driver license or ID. You must then wait at least two business days from your SEVIS activation date. Your SEVIS activation should be completed two to three days following registration at the AEI. Please check with the AEI office staff to confirm your SEVIS activation date.

Item B: If you are an F-1 visa holder studying at the American English Institute (AEI), **you cannot get a Social Security Number.** According to the California Department of Motor Vehicles' website, **"If you are legally present in the US, but ineligible for a Social Security Number (SSN), you are exempt from SSN requirements. However, you must still provide an acceptance birth date/legal presence document for any DL/ID card application."** See Step #1 below for documents needed to verify your birth date and to prove your legal presence.

Item C: The AEI suggests that you take this DMV information packet with you to the DMV office. This packet includes recent excerpts from the California Department of Motor Vehicles' website.

Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Offices	www.dmv.ca.gov	Phone: 1.800.777.0133
Fresno North 6420 N Blackstone Avenue (Between N Blackstone Ave and W Sierra Ave)	Clovis 2103 E. Shaw Avenue (Between Fowler Ave and Armstrong Ave)	

To apply for a California Driver License (Steps 1-9) or California ID (Steps 1-5), make an appointment with the DMV office. It is recommended that you make an appointment online or by phone for faster service. **Please try to schedule your appointment so that it does not conflict with you AEI classes. You will be marked absent if you miss any AEI class hours.**

Steps:

- 1) To verify you **legal presence in the U.S.**, you **MUST** take the following items to the DMV office:
a)Passport b)I-94 Stamp (in passport) c)AEI I-20 d)Fresno State ID
- 2) At the DMV office, complete application for DL 44. This form is not available online.
- 3) Give a thumb print and have your picture taken.
- 4) Verify your birth date and legal presence (**passport, I-94 stamp, Form I-20, Fresno State ID**)
- 5) Pay the application fee. California Driver License= \$33 California ID= \$29
- 6) Take (and pass) the vision examination.
- 7) Take (and pass) the traffic law and sign test. There are 36 questions on the test. A passing score is at least 30 correct answers. You have three chances to pass, but you must wait seven (7) days before taking the test again. DMV will then issue you an instruction permit. When you practice driving, you must be accompanied by a California licensed driver (age 18 or over) with a valid license. This person must ride in a position to instruct you and control the vehicle if necessary. **It is illegal for you to drive alone with an instruction permit.**
- 8) Call a DMV office to make an appointment for you driving test. (Driving tests are not given without an appointment.)
- 9) You have three chances to pass the driving test. If you fail to pass the driving test on the first attempt, you must pay a \$7 fee for each additional driving test. After you pass your driving test, you will be issued an interim (temporary) license valid for 90 days until you receive your new photo license in the mail. If you have recently moved, double check with the DMV representation to make sure your address is correct on all DMV forms.

DRIVER RESPONSIBILITIES	
◆	When driving a car in California, you must have a valid driver license (California or International), proof of automobile insurance, and the car's registration with you. Do not drive without them in the vehicle.
◆	If you purchase a car, you must also purchase automobile insurance. Drivers stopped by the police must be able to provide proof of automobile insurance. If you do not have automobile insurance, you could receive a fine of \$500 for the first offense and up to \$2,000 for additional citations.
◆	If you rent a car, you are the responsible driver. Do not permit anyone else to drive the car unless his or her name is also on the rental contract as a driver.
◆	As a driver, you must know and obey the laws.
◆	If you are stopped by the police, stay in your car unless the officer asks you to get out of your car . Do not tell the police officer, "I am in the United States to study English, and I don't know the laws. This statement is not a valid reason for not obeying the laws.
◆	International Driver Licenses issued in your country are recognized in California for temporary visitors only. You should get a California Driver License as soon as possible.

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS	
◆	If you have an accident, STOP! You could be convicted of a "hit and run" crime if you leave the scene of an accident. Also, someone may be hurt and may need your help.
◆	If anyone is hurt, call the police. Fresno Police: 559.498.1414 Clovis Police: 559.324.2800
◆	Share information with the driver of the other car or to a police officer. a) Name b) Driver license number c) License plate number d) Car registration card e) Current address f) Evidence of financial responsibility (insurance company, address and policy number)
◆	If you are able, take some photographs of the accident scene.
◆	Contact your insurance company immediately.
◆	You, your insurance agent, or your lawyer needs to file a report to the police within 24 hours of the accident if someone is hurt or killed. Also, you must report an accident to the DMV (accident report from SR1) if there is more than \$750 damage to the property of any person, or if anyone is injured (no matter how slightly) or killed.
◆	If you hit a parked car or other property, try to find the owner. If you cannot find the owner, leave a note with your name and address attached to the vehicle. Report the accident to the police as soon as possible.
◆	If you injure or kill an animal, pull over and stop. Try to find the owner.

Drive safely:

don't drink and drive

don't drive if you are tired, and

don't exceed the speed limit!