How to Obtain a WA State ID Card or Driver’s License

Where Do I Apply for a WA State ID Card or Driver’s License?
The Department of Licensing is the official office where you can apply and obtain a state ID card or driver’s license. Visit the Department of Licensing website to find a location closest to you at: www.dol.wa.gov/officelocations.html. The following are locations nearest to UW Bothell:

- **Lynnwood**
  Phone: (425) 672-3406
  18023 Hwy 99 N Suite E
  Lynnwood, WA 98037-4492

- **Everett**
  Phone: (425) 356-2967
  5313 Evergreen Way
  Everett, WA 98203-3631

- **Bellevue**
  Phone: (425) 649-4282
  13133 Bel-Red Road
  Bellevue, WA 98005

What Documents Do I Need to Bring With Me?
Additional documents may be required depending on if you will apply for a state ID card or driver’s license – please visit http://www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/idproof.html#identity. However, for both applications you must bring the following:

1. **Documents to Prove Your Identity**
   This includes your valid passport, valid visa, current I-94 card and valid I-20.

2. **Documents Providing Your Local Address**
   You must provide documents that verify that you live in Washington state. This can include:

   - **Home utility bill** (gas, electric, water, garbage, land-line telephone). Not acceptable: cable, internet, or TV bills.

   - **Bank issued documents issued within the last 30 days that include your local address** (this can include an account statement or credit card statement)

   - **Vehicle Title** (If you own a car, you will have this official document that verifies your local address in Washington state)

   - **UW Bothell document** that has your current address on it.

   *If you DO NOT live in Husky Village....you must request a “SEVIS PRINT-OUT” from ISS, which is an official print-out of your I-20 record that verifies your current local address. You will use this document as proof of where you live. ISS will provide this print-out in a sealed envelope, and you must not open the envelope until an officer at the Department of Licensing opens the envelope.

   Email your name, student ID and SEVIS print-out request to iss@uwb.edu. Allow at least 2 business days for processing. ISS will email you when it is ready for you to pick up.
HOW TO GET A WASHINGTON STATE ID CARD
More information about the WA State ID is available from the Department of Licensing Office at: http://www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/gettingidcard.html

You can go to any Department of Licensing office and take with you:
  o $20 fee (cash or check)
  o Proof of Identity Documents, which include:
    ▪ Valid Immigration Documents (see page 1)
    ▪ Documents Providing Your Local Address (see page 1)

HOW TO GET A WA STATE DRIVER’S LICENSE
The following instructions are for people who have never had a driver’s license before and are over 18 years of age. For current instructions, visit the Department of Licensing website: http://www.dol.wa.gov/.

You can go to any Department of Licensing office and take with you:
  o $45 fee (cash or check)
  o Proof of Identity Documents, which include:
    ▪ Valid Immigration Documents (see page 1)
    ▪ Documents Providing Your Local Address (see page 1)
    ▪ Additional identification documents may be required– please visit the following site for more information: www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/idproof.html
  o Your Social Security Number
    ▪ If you do not have a Social Security number that is OK because a SSN is not required in order to obtain a driver's license.

At the Department of Licensing Office you will then:
  o Complete an application for a license (given at the DOL office)
  o Pass a knowledge test
    ▪ You must pass the knowledge test before you can schedule a driving test.
    ▪ Information on the knowledge test: www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/writtentest.html
    ▪ Download a guide to practice for the test: www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/guide.html
  o Pass a vision test
  o Pass a driving test
    ▪ Information on the driving test: www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/drivingtest.html
    ▪ If you plan to practice for your driving test, you must get an instruction permit
      ▪ How to get an instruction permit: www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/getpermit.html

Once you have passed your knowledge, vision and driving tests you will have your photograph taken for your license.

If You Have a Valid Driver’s License From Another Country
If you’re visiting Washington State from another country, you may use your out-of-country driver license for up to 1 year.

Germany, South Korea, and British Columbia are the only locations that have reciprocity agreements with Washington State. If you have a valid German, South Korean, or British Columbia driver license, you may get a Washington State driver license by following the steps above for drivers with a valid license from another state.

If you have moved to Washington State from a country other than Germany or South Korea, or a Canadian province other than British Columbia, you must complete all the steps to getting your first license.