

Non-Citizens and New Illinois Driver's Licenses

A non-citizen driver's license in the State of Illinois is called a **Temporary Visitor Driver's License (TVDL)**. Note that not everyone is eligible to receive one.

You **MAY APPLY** for a TVDL only if the following criteria are met:

- You are registered on SEVIS. If you have not been registered, please call a Designated School Official (DSO) at the Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS).
- You are a non-citizen with legal, temporary entry into the country.
- You are **temporarily** residing in Illinois.
- You are **ineligible for a social security number**.
- You can provide U.S. Citizenship and Immigrant services **documentation verifying your legal presence**.
- Your legal presence is authorized for at least **ONE YEAR** and you have at least **SIX MONTHS remaining on your I-20**.

Applying for a TVDL

To apply for an Illinois TVDL, please visit the nearest Driver's License Facility and:

- Present the same ID documents as required of regular citizens (i.e. written signature, date of birth, residency) **EXCPET** for the social security number.
- Provide a valid passport or consular identification card.
- Pass a **vision exam, written permit test, and a driving test**.
- Present proof that you have completed 6 hours of approved, adult driver education if you are between 18 and 20 years old.
- Pay the applicable fee.

Your TVDL expires after 3 years, or once your legal stay ends (whichever comes first).

The nearest driver's license facilities are located in:

Charleston
1010 E Street
(217) 345-7401

Mattoon
2020 Charleston Ave
(217) 234-4040

Champaign
2012 Round Barn Road
(217) 278-3344

Required Documents for a TVDL

- I-20
- I-94
- 2 proofs of address (i.e. copy of lease agreement, received mail)
- Passport
- Social Security card
- **\$20 fee**

Both the Charleston and Mattoon facilities require a Social Security card in order to receive a TVDL. If you do not have a Social Security card, a form stating no card will be needed and you will need to go to the Champaign facility.