How to Obtain a NJ Driver’s License

As an F-1 Student, you **CAN** get your driver’s license while studying in the USA. Before applying for a NJ driver’s license, read the following carefully and follow the steps below.

For a listing of the local DMV offices, go to [http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/Location](http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/Location). For more information on transferring a foreign driver’s license to a US driver’s license, go to [http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/Licenses/LicensesNon-Citizens.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/Licenses/LicensesNon-Citizens.htm) In some cases, you may be required to take a test. The DMV will share with you the next steps that you need to obtain your driver’s license.

**GO TO THE DMV, AND BRING WITH YOU:**
- **Passport**
- **Valid F-1 visa or Change of Status to F-1 approval**
- **I-94 card** (the white card stapled in your visa, or the I-797 Form if you changed status)
- **Continued attendance I-20, and I-20 with red/blue immigration stamp.** (If you are a transfer student, make sure that your I-20 says “continued attendance” and not “transfer pending”)
- **BCC Identification Card** (request at Public Safety, Room L-154)
- **Paid Receipt for the current semester** (request at Bursar’s Office-A 229) or print from WebAdvisor
- **Unofficial transcript from BCC** (print from WebAdvisor)
- **Enrollment Verification Letter** (request at Registration Center- Room A-129 - **this takes 3-5 days**)
- **Proof of Address in the USA** (a bill or envelope mailed to your house or apartment)
- **Social Security Card OR the denial letter from the Social Security Administration**

* F-1 REGULATIONS STATE THAT ONLY STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN OFFERED LEGAL EMPLOYMENT IN THE USA CAN OBTAIN A SSN. HOWEVER, THE DMV NEEDS TO SEE DOCUMENTATION FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION BEFORE ISSUING A LICENSE TO YOU.

**TO OBTAIN A SSN DENIAL LETTER, GO TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE AND BRING WITH YOU:**
- **Unofficial Transcript from Bergen Community College** (print from WebAdvisor)
- **Verification of Enrollment Letter** (Request at Registration Center- this takes 3-5 days)

If you have any problems at the Social Security Office or the DMV, kindly ask to speak to a manager. If you are denied a license or proper documentation from the Social Security Office, please ask for the reason in writing so the ISC can better assist you.

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