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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 information and follow the steps below.

For a listing of the local Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) offices, go to <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>. 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) OR electronic I-94 (<https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/request.html>)
- Continued attendance I-20. (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 from WebAdvisor (Self-service/Account Activity/ View Statement) and print a copy.
- Unofficial transcript from BCC. Go to WebAdvisor (Academic Profile for Students/ Transcript Unofficial) and print.
- Enrollment Verification Letter (request from International Student Center, C-102)
- 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)
- Enrollment Verification Letter (request from International Student Center, C-102)

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.