



Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 18.00 Out-of-State Transfers

Section: 1. Issuance of Driver's License

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[R.S. 32:1420](#)

To view Louisiana Statutes: <http://www.legis.state.la.us/>

Requirements:

- **Proof of Residency** – Refer to Section 1, [Policy 3.04 Residency Requirements for Issuance of a Driver's License or Identification Card](#)
- Photo license from last state of issuance.
 - The out-of-state license must be **surrendered and destroyed**, once the Louisiana license is issued.
 - If the applicant does not have the photo license, an official driving record from the last licensing state listing the applicant's personal information, class, restrictions, endorsements, expiration date, and driver's license number will be required.
 - **Note:** This may be faxed directly to the OMV office by the previous licensing authority.
- **Proof of Insurance** – If the applicant has a vehicle titled in his/her name with a valid or expired Louisiana license plate, proof of insurance must be provided.
- **Out-of-State Transfer for New Louisiana Record** – In addition to the above listed requirements, the applicant must provide the following:
 - One primary document, as outlined in Section 1, [Policy 6.00, Identification Requirements](#). The document must be the original or a certified copy.
 - **Social Security Number** - For requirements of social security verification, refer to Section 1, [Policy 41.00, Social Security Verification](#).
- **Non-CDL License Transfer**
 - Applicants transferring valid personal class "E" or chauffeur's class "D" (non-commercial) out-of-state license will **not** be required to take any examination, other than the vision test.
 - If the transferee surrenders an out-of-state license that is equivalent to the Louisiana class E license and wishes to convert to a Louisiana class D license, no driving examination will be required; however, he/she must pass the written examination for the Class D license.

- A person transferring a valid out-of-state learner's permit equivalent to Class E, regardless of age, shall be issued a Louisiana learner's permit with no written test. Proof of driver's education is **not** required. However, if the applicant wishes to transfer a valid out-of-state permit and upgrade to a full license at the same time, he/she will be required to take a road skills test.
- **CDL License Transfer**
 - Applicants transferring valid commercial licenses (Class A, B, C) from another state will not have to take a written or skills test for the class of license and/or endorsements shown on the face of the license or as indicated on the official driving record with the exception of Hazardous Materials (Hazmat). If an applicant wants the Hazmat endorsement, he/she is required to take and pass the Hazardous Materials (Hazmat) knowledge test prior to issuance.
 - Effective July 9, 2015, out-of-state tests scores are provided electronically through Commercial Skills Test Information Management System (CSTIMS). The driver must have a Commercial Learner's Permit issued from the same state as the underlying driver's license.
 - **Hazmat Security** - Effective May 31, 2005, a security threat assessment became a requirement for renewal/transfer of any hazmat endorsement. If the applicant's security threat assessment was completed within the most recent 6 months, no new assessment will be required; however, this information must be verified through the PDPS/CDL Help Desk. If more than 6 months has lapsed since the last security threat assessment, the applicant will be required to apply for a new assessment. When issued, the new Louisiana license will expire at the same time as the fingerprints.
- All applicants must meet visual and medical requirements. The vision test is to be administered for all driver's license transactions.
- **Name Usage** - If the name does not appear the same on all documents listed above, additional name linking documents such as a marriage license, divorce decree, or adoption records will be required.
 - If the names are different, other than by marriage, the application will be denied until the supporting documents have been changed to reflect the name change.
 - Exception: If the out-of-state license already shows the married name of the applicant, a marriage license/certificate is **not** required.
 - For more information, refer to Section 1, [Policy 22.00, Name Changes and Usage](#).
- **Minors** - If the applicant is a minor, refer to Section 1, [Policy 8.00, Authorization/Licensing of a Minor's Application for Driver's License](#).
 - **Applicant's 16 and Under:**
 - If the applicant is 15 years of age, he/she will be issued a Louisiana permit regardless of whether or not he had full driving privileges in his previous home state.

- Any applicant 16 years of age, moving to Louisiana, may be eligible for the issuance of a Class E Intermediate driver's license. The applicant must submit proof of issuance of a driver's license or learner's permit for a minimum of 180 days from the state of previous residence and meet all other requirements for licensing in Louisiana. The applicant will not be considered a "first time applicant", can be issued an Intermediate stage license (61 restriction) and not be required to provide proof of driver's education.
- **College students**
 - Students attending a Louisiana school may use their home state license as long as it is valid.
 - Students who live on campus and are not a permanent resident may be issued a Louisiana license, as long as a Louisiana address is provided.

Related Policies

Section 1, Policy 3.04, [Residency Requirements for Issuance of a Driver's License or Identification Card](#)

Section 1, Policy 6.00, [Identification Requirements](#)

Section 1, Policy 22.00, [Name Changes and Usage](#)

Section 1, Policy 8.00, [Authorization\Licensing Of A Minor's Application For A Driver's License](#)

Section 1, Policy 41.00, [Social Security Verification](#)