



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES
BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES OFFICE
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REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN A CHAUFFEUR LICENSE

Applicant must be at least 21 years old with a minimum of 1 year driving experience and have distant visual acuity of at least 20/40 (Snellen) in each eye without corrective lenses or visual acuity separately corrected to 20/40 (Snellen) or better with corrective lenses, distant binocular acuity of at least 20/40 (Snellen) in both eyes with or without corrective lenses.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED INCLUDE:

1. COMPLETED CHAUFFEUR APPLICATION FORM (FOUND ON THE DMV WEBSITE), ALONG WITH 3 REFERENCES WITH THEIR SIGNATURES.
2. CURRENT DRIVER'S LICENSE
3. ORIGINAL BCI REPORT FROM THE RHODE ISLAND ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
 - RHODE ISLAND ATTORNEY GENERAL
4 HOWARD AVENUE
CRANSTON RI 02920
 - **NO BCI REPORT WILL BE ACCEPTED IF IT IS MORE THAN 30 DAYS OLD**
 - **APPLICANTS WHO ARE NOT RHODE ISLAND RESIDENTS, OR HAVE BEEN LICENSED IN A STATE OTHER THAN RHODE ISLAND WITHIN THE PAST FIVE YEARS MUST ALSO PROVIDE AND OBTAIN:**
 1. PROOF OF A VALID CHAUFFEUR'S LICENSE IN HIS/HER HOME STATE (RIGL 31-10-2)
 2. A CERTIFIED DRIVING RECORD FROM THE STATE IN WHICH THEY WERE FORMERLY LICENSED
 3. A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK FROM THE STATE IN WHICH THEY WERE FORMERLY LICENSED

NOTE: ALL REAL ID LICENSE AND ID TRANSACTIONS REQUIRE A COMPLETED LI-1 OR CDL-1 FORM AND

THE CORRECT NUMBER OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS LISTED IN THE 2 BOXES BELOW

Proof of Identity Documents List

You must present one (1). These must bear the applicant's legal name and date of birth.

Proof of a change to the name contained on the applicant's primary identity document must be demonstrated with a document issued by an authorized government agency.

ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS ONLY – NO PHOTO COPIES

- A valid, unexpired **U.S. passport**;
- A **certified copy of a birth certificate** filed with a State Office of Vital Statistics or equivalent agency in the individual's State of birth;
- A **Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA)** issued by the U.S. Department of State, Form FS-240, DS-1350 or FS-545;
- A valid, unexpired **Permanent Resident Card** (Form I-551) issued by DHS or INS;
- An unexpired **Employment Authorization Document (EAD)** issued by DHS, Form I-766 or Form I-688B;
- An **unexpired foreign passport** with a valid, unexpired U.S. visa affixed accompanied by the approved I-94 form documenting the applicant's most recent admittance into the U.S.;
- A **Certificate of Naturalization** issued by DHS, Form N-550 or Form N-570; or
- A **Certificate of Citizenship**, Form N-560 or Form N-561, issued by DHS.

If you have obtained or renewed your passport within the last 6 months, please bring an additional Identity Document, as your passport may not verify with the national database.

Proof of Residency Documents List

You must present two (2). P.O. Box addresses will not be accepted.

- A **utility bill** (gas, electric, telephone, cable, oil, water, sewer, satellite, heat, cell phone) with the address of residence clearly stated in the applicant's name or in the name of a member of the applicant's immediate family dated within the past sixty (60) days;
 - A **personal check or bank statement** with the applicant's name and address of residence dated within the past sixty (60) days;
 - A **payroll check** with the applicant's name and address of residence dated within the past sixty(60) days;
 - A **lease agreement** currently in effect. The lease agreement must contain the applicant's name and address of residence and the landlord's name, address, and telephone number.
- Handwritten lease agreements will not be accepted;*
- A **letter issued by a Rhode Island state agency or a federal agency** with the applicant's name and address of residence approving name and address of residence approving the applicant's receipt of benefits from an entitlement program dated within the past sixty (60) days;
 - A **homeowner's or renter's insurance policy** for the applicant's home or apartment with the applicant's name and address of residence that is currently in effect;
 - An **automobile insurance policy** for the applicant's motor vehicle with the applicant's name and address of residence that is currently in effect;
 - A **property tax bill** for the applicant's residence from the immediately preceding year;
 - A **letter from a Rhode Island shelter or halfway house** indicating that the applicant resides at the facility. Such a letter must be on letterhead, must be dated within the past thirty(30) days and must include the name and contact information of an administrator of the shelter or halfway house; or
 - A **jury duty summons** dated within the past sixty (60) days;
 - A **W-2 form** with the applicant's name and address of residence from the immediately preceding year;
 - An **installment loan contract** (automobile, student loan) with the applicant's name and address of residence that is currently in effect;
 - A current **Social Security Administration statement** with the applicant's name and address of residence;
 - A current **pension or retirement account statement** with the applicant's name and address of residence;
 - A Rhode Island-issued **firearms permit** with the applicant's name and address if residence that is currently in effect; or
 - A **valid Rhode Island driver's license or identification card**;

If the applicant is a minor, in addition to any of the proof of residency documents listed above, the following are accepted:

- A **school record** from the current school year (report card, diploma, transcript, or ID card) stating the student's address of residence (past year if during summer vacation)
- The Rhode Island driver's license or identification card of the individual signing the minor's application.

Note: All U.S. Territories driver's license transfers are only done at the DMV Cranston Headquarters with approval from Enforcement. These transactions are not performed at any DMV or AAA branch office.

PROOF OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: PROVIDE YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ON THE LI-1 OR CDL-1 FORM OR A LETTER ISSUED BY THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION STATING THAT THE APPLICANT IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

NOTE: EACH OF THE TRANSACTION DESCRIPTIONS BELOW REQUIRE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS ALONG WITH THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FROM ABOVE

New Permit

- Driver Education Certificate (if under 18) ¹
- If you have a driving certificate, that has not been approved by CCR1, you must take the knowledge exam test.

¹ If under 18 years of age and applying for a learner's permit, the LI-1 form must be notarized if parent/guardian has a different last name than applicant.

American Sign Language (ASL) computerized permit exams or selected foreign language permit exams (please refer to DMV website for details) require a pre-scheduled appointment.

Name Change

- Please note you must wait **24 hours** for name change to register with the Social Security Administration
- Current RI license or Identification card
- Original government issued document indicating name change (ex. Marriage Certificate or Divorce Decree)

Address Change

- Current RI license or Identification card

RI License/ID/Permit Renewal or Duplicate AND New ID

DMV Customer only needs completed LI-1 or CDL-1 form and the required supporting documents from above.

All non U.S. citizens *must* bring all supporting documents to be reviewed.

Gender Change

- Gender Designation form
- Current RI license or Identification card

Out-of-State Transfer

- Your current license from the other state
- If the out-of-state license is not available at time of transfer you must submit a driving record or verification from the other state with an Identity Document (see list). US territory drivers must supply a certified drivers record dated within 30 days in addition to your current license.**

Motorcycle Permit

- Certificate of completion from the RI Motorcycle Safety course
- Current RI license (must hold permit for 30 days)

Motorcycle License

- Current license and valid motorcycle permit

New Permit

- LI-1 form
- A certified birth certificate (not a copy) or Proof of Identity Document (see list)
- Driver Education Certificate (if under 18) ¹
 - If you have a driving certificate, that has not been approved by CCRI, you must take the knowledge exam test.
- Proof of a Social Security Number
- Two (2) Proof of residency (see list)

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New ID

- LI-1 form
- A certified birth certificate (not a copy) or Proof of Identity Document (see list)
- Two (2) Proof of residency (see list)
- Proof of a Social Security Number

RI License/ID/Permit Renewal or Duplicate

- LI-1 or CDL-1 form
 - One identity document (see list)
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Address Change

- LI-1 or CDL-1 form
- Current RI license or Identification card

Gender Change

- LI-1 or CDL-1 form
- Gender Designation form
- Current RI license or Identification card

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- LI-1 or CDL-1 form
- Your current license from the other state
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- A U.S. Active Service, Retiree, or Reservist **Military ID Card**;
- A **Native American Tribal ID Card**;
- A valid **U.S. Driver's License** with photograph, signature, and date of birth (must not be expired for more than five years);
- A valid **U.S. Territory Driver's License** with photograph, signature, and date of birth (must not be expired for more than five years);
- A valid **Canadian Driver's License** with photograph, signature, and date of birth (must not be expired for more than five years); or
- An **employment authorization document (EAD)** issued by DHS, Form I-766, that indicates a grant of deferred action under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program.

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