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) EXCEPT 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:

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<td>Charleston</td>
<td>1010 E Street</td>
<td>(217) 345-7401</td>
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<td>Mattoon</td>
<td>2020 Charleston Ave</td>
<td>(217) 234-4040</td>
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<td>Champaign</td>
<td>2012 Round Barn Road</td>
<td>(217) 278-3344</td>
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**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.