

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR AN *ILLINOIS TEMPORARY VISITORS DRIVERS LICENSE (TVDL)*

What is a Temporary Visitor Drivers License?

The Secretary of State's Office issues a "Temporary Visitor Driver's License" (TVDL) for non-citizens of the United States who have been granted temporary, legal entry into this country and are temporarily residing in the State of Illinois and who are ineligible for a Social Security number.

Who is eligible for a TVDL?

To be eligible a foreign national must be:

- A non-citizen of the United States
- Lawfully admitted to the United States
- Authorized to stay in the United States for at least one year and have six months remaining of your authorized stay
- Residing in the state of Illinois
- Ineligible for a Social Security Number

What identification documents are required to obtain a TVDL?

Applicants will be required to provide acceptable documentation that proves name, date of birth, Illinois residency, and verification of written signature, authorization from USCIS to remain in the United States for at least one year and proof of ineligibility for a Social Security Number.

Required documentation includes:

- Passport
- I-94 card (little white card inside the passport)
- Processed I-20 document (valid for at least one year with not less than 6 months remaining)
- Notice of Action from USCIS for Approval of Change of Status to F-1 (if applicable)
- Letter from International Student Adviser verifying your full-time enrollment at College of DuPage
- Denial letter issued by the Social Security Administration indicating your ineligibility for a Social Security Number (not more than 90 days old)
- Lease agreement, utility bill or any official mail received from College of DuPage (such as your tuition bill) addressed to your Illinois address proving Illinois residency (not more than 30 days old)

Secretary of State Facility location to apply for TVDL:

5301 W. Lexington Ave.

Chicago, IL 60644

(312) 793-1010

Hours of operation:

Monday: **CLOSED**

Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesday to Friday: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday: **TVDL SERVICES NOT AVAILABLE**

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STEPS FOR APPLYING FOR A TVDL:

Step One: Make sure your I-20 is valid for at least one year from the date you intend to apply for the driver's license with at least 6 month remaining. If it is not, you will need to apply for a program extension first (if applicable). Stop by the International Student office for information.

Step Two: Request letter of ineligibility (denial letter) from the Social Security office. This must be done no more than 90 days before applying for the TVDL.

Step Three: Request letter from International Student office verifying your full-time enrollment.

Step Four: Obtain an acceptable document to verify your current address (lease agreement, utility bill or any official mail received from College of DuPage, such as your tuition bill).

Step Five: Prepare for your driver's test. Do this by studying the "Illinois Rules of the Road" section of the "Cyber Drive Illinois" web site listed below. If you would like to practice driving before your road test, you will need to apply for an instruction permit.

Step Six: Have a licensed driver drive you to the Secretary of State Facility location listed above.

Additional Things to Consider

Be prepared to take the Written Test, the Vision Test and the Road Test. You will need to supply your own vehicle for the Road Test, and this vehicle must be properly insured in the state of Illinois.

Keep in mind that Road Tests are only available until sunset or 30 minutes prior to closing, whichever is earlier. No Road Tests are given after dark.

How Long is the TVDL Valid?

The TVDL is valid for three years or the period of time the individual is authorized to stay in this country, whichever ends sooner. The period of authorized stay for F-1 international students is indicated by the expiration date on the I-20 document.

For additional information concerning Temporary Visitor Drivers License, refer to the Secretary of State "Cyber Drive Illinois" web site at: www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/drivers/drivers_license/tempvisitordl.html