



# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS WHEN YOU GET YOUR ID

**ALL NEW JERSEY RESIDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR A STANDARD DRIVER'S LICENSE OR NON-DRIVER ID. HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW.**

**You can get a license at any Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) office and [make an appointment online](#).**

Identification cards require a fee, but an appointment does not. (MVC information: <https://nj.gov/mvc>)

**The MVC must provide interpretation at your appointment or allow an interpreter — but they're not allowed in the car for a road test.**

- The MVC is required to provide phone translation service — or you can bring an interpreter. But no one, not even a translator, can come with you in the car during the road test.
- The written exam is offered in: English, Arabic, Mandarin, French, Spanish, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, and Japanese. The oral exam is offered in English and Spanish.

**You must translate your documents into English, but it doesn't have to be by a professional.**

Your documents can be translated by anyone 18 or older and fluent in English and the other language. The translator must sign a certificate verifying accuracy. Sample certificate: <https://www.state.nj.us/mvc/pdf/license/Sample%20Certificate%20of%20Translation.pdf>

**To get a license you must provide:**

- **Proof of identity.** You need one primary document and one secondary document, as part of six points of ID, listed here: [https://www.state.nj.us/mvc/pdf/license/Standard\\_License\\_Sheet\\_Engl.pdf](https://www.state.nj.us/mvc/pdf/license/Standard_License_Sheet_Engl.pdf)
- **Proof of New Jersey residency.** You'll show a document with your name and your New Jersey address, like a utility bill or lease agreement.
- **Either a Social Security Number (SSN) or an Individual Taxpayer ID number (ITIN) OR a sworn statement (affidavit) that you don't have an ITIN or Social Security number, and aren't eligible for an SSN. If you have been officially issued a Social Security Number or ITIN, you can't use the affidavit.** With an ITIN, you should show an ITIN approval letter OR a tax return listing your ITIN. The affidavit form, which must be signed in front of an MVC employee, or notarized, is available here: <https://www.state.nj.us/mvc/pdf/license/affidavit.pdf>

An MVC employee might ask if you want to register to vote, or you might get voting information in the mail. **If you are not a U.S. citizen, you CANNOT register to vote.** A non-citizen who registers to vote risks prosecution, deportation, or the ability to become a citizen.

**The MVC can share your personal information, but the law has privacy protections and limitations for sharing data.**

- The MVC **CANNOT** share your personal information for purposes of federal immigration enforcement unless you give written permission, or unless a judge or subpoena requires it.
- The MVC **DOES** add your information to its database and **CAN** share with law enforcement, courts, and businesses for specific reasons, like vehicle safety or employer verification.
- The MVC **CANNOT** keep copies of your identity documents when you apply for a standard license or ID, unless there's an identity fraud investigation.

**Read about privacy restrictions:** <https://www.state.nj.us/mvc/pdf/business/DriversPrivacyProtectionAct.pdf>

Contact a lawyer before applying for a license if you have been: in deportation proceedings, stopped by police, prosecuted for an offense, issued a driver's license previously, or stopped for driving without a license, or if you have questions about Social Security numbers.

Keep updated about your rights and immigrant justice:

[www.aclu-nj.org](http://www.aclu-nj.org)  
[www.njimmigrantjustice.org](http://www.njimmigrantjustice.org)  
[www.letsdrivenj.org](http://www.letsdrivenj.org)

**If you are mistreated or your rights are violated, you can file a complaint with the MVC:**

By calling 609-292-6500 or 888-486-3339

Emailing [MVC.Correspondence@mvc.nj.gov](mailto:MVC.Correspondence@mvc.nj.gov)

Mailing Motor Vehicle Commission, Customer Advocacy Office, P.O. Box 403, Trenton, NJ 08666

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