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Department of Motor Vehicles facilities are conveniently located throughout the state. Upon moving to Connecticut, you have 30 days to obtain a Connecticut driver's license and 60 days to obtain a Connecticut vehicle registration.

Obtaining a Driver's License

You do not need an appointment if you hold a valid out-of-state license. (This does not apply to new residents from foreign countries or 16 and 17 year old licensed drivers. Please call 1-800-842-8222 for more information.) Go to your nearest DMV branch office with your current out-of-state license, which must be surrendered, a certified birth certificate or valid passport and proof of your Connecticut resident address, such as a postmarked letter, utility bill or mortgage/lease document.

If your out-of-state license has expired for more than 60 days, you must schedule an appointment to take the knowledge test, road test and eye test.

Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 666(a) (13)], requires that the Social Security number of any applicant for a driver's license be recorded on the application.

If Your Out-Of-State License Is Lost

If you lost your out-of-state license, you must obtain a letter of verification from that state indicating that you have a current valid license in that state. You do not have to schedule an appointment. Go to your nearest DMV branch office with your letter of verification and two forms of identification. One form of identification must be a certified copy of your U.S. birth certificate or a valid passport. (See list of acceptable identification.) In addition, you must provide proof of your Connecticut resident address, such as a postmarked letter, utility bill or mortgage/lease documents.

License Fee Information

The fee for the driver's license exam is \$40. This fee is charged whether or not the test is waived. The fee for your initial license can vary from \$66 to \$77 and the expiration date can range from 5 1/2 to 7 years, depending on your date of birth. Payments must be made in cash or check (two checks will be required). Examination and license fees for Com-

mercial Driver's Licenses (CDL) vary. Please contact the DMV for additional information.

Acceptable List of Identification

Documents must be original or certified copy, valid and unexpired unless otherwise noted. Photocopies are NOT acceptable.

For a list of acceptable identification documents, please visit the DMV Website at ct.gov/dmv.

Notice to All Non-US Citizens Applying for a Connecticut Operator's License

If you are not a citizen of the United States you are required to show proof of your legal status in this country.

- Holders of a B1 or B2 Visitor's Visa are not eligible for a driver's license or identification card unless a valid Employment Authorization Card (EAC) and verification of an application pending for Lawful Permanent Residence is provided.
- Foreign students with an F1 Visa must show USCIS document I-20 and verification of current enrollment in a Connecticut school.
- H1B Visa holders are required to show a valid USCIS Employment Authorization Card and an employee verification letter from a Connecticut employer.
- J1 Visa holders are required to show USCIS document DS-2019.
- All applicants will be verified through USCIS for legal status before a driver's license will be issued.

Laws for 16- and 17-Year-Old Drivers

Please be aware that Connecticut has laws for 16-and 17-year-old drivers that include passenger restrictions, a nighttime curfew and no cellphone use while driving (even with a hands-free device). For more information, please visit the web site ct.gov/teendriving.

How to Register Your Vehicle

Before a Connecticut registration can be issued on a passenger vehicle or light-weight truck 10,000 lbs. or less gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR), the vehicle must pass an emissions test and vehicle identification number (VIN) verification. These can be

done at any of the nearly 300 garages and dealerships statewide participating in the emissions testing program. For more information or to find an official emissions testing station close to you, call the emissions hotline at 888-828-8399 or visit the Web site at www.ctemissions.com. The cost of the test is \$20 and can be paid using any form of payment accepted at the testing station.

If your vehicle is four model years old or less, it is exempt from current emissions testing. There is a \$40 fee payable at the time of registration for this exemption. In addition, all exempt vehicles must obtain a VIN verification at a full service DMV Branch Office.

Commercial vehicles over 18,000 lbs. GVWR and commercial trailers over 10,000 lbs. GVWR must have a passed copy of the Record of Annual Inspection, dated within 30 days of the application for registration. It must be accompanied by the Inspector Qualification form, inspected by a Connecticut licensed dealer or be inspected by DMV.

To obtain a Connecticut registration at a DMV Branch Office, you must present:

- (1) Proof of Connecticut automobile insurance.
- (2) The current title and registration certificate from the other state. (If the Title is unavailable, call the DMV Phone Center for further information.)
- (3) An Application for Registration of a Motor Vehicle and Certificate of Title (form H-13) obtained at any DMV Branch office.
- (4) Proof of Connecticut emissions compliance (Vehicle Emissions Report) or VIN verification for exempt vehicles.
- (5) Proof of a passed safety inspection, may be required for certain specialty type vehicles.

The registration application (form H-13) must be signed by all owners of the vehicle.

You will be required to appear in person and present a Connecticut Driver's License, non-driver ID card or U.S. Military ID (active or dependant). If you cannot be present, a Power of Attorney must be presented. Please contact our phone center or visit the DMV Web site at ct.gov/dmv for more information.

Vehicles registered in the name of a business may be required to show proof of the business name.

When the vehicle is registered, you will be given a registration certificate, a set of registration plates, and a sticker for the windshield.

The registration plates must be affixed to the front and rear of the vehicle in the designated places. The sticker showing the year and month of expiration must be placed on the inside lower left corner of the windshield.

Your registration certificate and Connecticut insurance ID card must accompany the vehicle whenever it is operated.

NOTE: If your out-of-state vehicle is leased, you must also present a power of attorney and the leasing company must have a leasing license on file with the DMV. For further information, please call 860-263-5049.

Registration Fee Information for Passenger Vehicles

Passenger registrations are issued for a full two-year period from the date of registration. The fee is \$75. Additional fees include: \$5 safety plate fee, \$25 title application fee (plus \$10 for each recorded lien), \$10 administrative fee for a safety inspection or VIN verification plus \$10 clean air act fee. Contact the DMV Phone Center for specialty vehicle fees and insurance requirements. Registrations are renewed for two years by direct mail. Refunds are available for most registrations that have one full year remaining when plates and registration are returned and cancelled.

Connecticut Sales and Use Tax

The DMV collects sales and use taxes on motor vehicles at the time of registration in accordance with guidelines set by the Department of Revenue Services. All transactions are subject to review by DRS. Vehicles purchased while residing outside of Connecticut and registered out-of-state for at least 30 days prior to moving to Connecticut may qualify for sales and use tax exemption. The Connecticut sales and use tax is currently six percent.

To apply for exemption of sales and use tax, a new Connecticut resident must complete section #6 "if tax exemption is claimed" on form H-13 (Application for Registration of a Motor Vehicle and Certificate of Title). Read the back of form H-13 for exemption information. Code "4" is applicable to new residents with a vehicle previously registered in another state for at least 30 days.

Municipal Property Tax

DMV will furnish your municipality with a list of vehicles registered in the state. A local property tax is then assessed each year on all vehicles registered in your name and a bill is sent to you by your local tax assessor. You are responsible for notifying the DMV within 48 hours if you move to a different address.

DMV Branch Office Locations

Bridgeport	95 Sylvan Avenue
Danbury	2 Lee Mac Avenue
Enfield	4 Pearson Way
Hamden	1985 State Street
New Britain	85 North Mountain Road
Norwalk	540 Main Avenue
Norwich	173 Salem Turnpike
Old Saybrook	7 Custom Drive
Waterbury	2210 Thomaston Avenue
Wethersfield	60 State Street
Winsted*	151 Torrington Road

DMV Branch Office Hours

Branch offices are closed on Monday

Tues., Wed. and Fri.	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursday	8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Saturday	8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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To find out more information, please contact our Phone Center at 860-263-5700 within the Hartford area or 1-800-842-8222 outside this area.

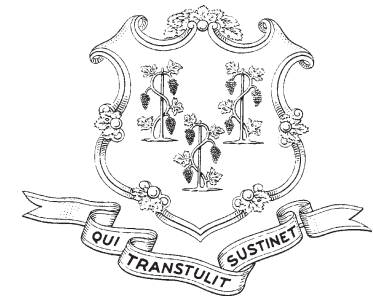
Visit us on the web at: ct.gov/dmv.



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Information for New Residents

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