

GETTING A NORTH CAROLINA DRIVER'S LICENSE

If you are 18 or older, you may apply for a Driver's License in the state of North Carolina. The following sites are available for viewing complete information:

- **North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles Website:** (<http://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/driver/>)
- **Driver's Handbook:** (http://www.ncdot.gov/download/dmv/handbooks_ncdl_english.pdf)

What to Do:

1. Download and study the Driver's Handbook (listed above). You will have to take a written test and a driving test even if you already have an International license. If you have never had any Driver's Education classes, or have never had a license in your home country, you should consider attending a Driving School. You may find information about local schools on the internet.
2. Gather your identification documents.
 - You must have a proof of identity such as a birth certificate (if born in the US), a passport, your I-20, and your [I-94](#). To obtain an I-94, go to this website: <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/request.html>. Fill out the form and print the I-94.
 - In addition, you must have proof of residency, such as your official transcript (obtainable at the Registrar's office) or a bank statement sent to your Southeastern address. These must be ORIGINAL documents—no copies.
3. Making an appointment at the DMV one week before you plan to take the test is advisable. It can cut down on the wait time. There is usually a line at the DMV, and it is not uncommon to wait an hour or two before being called. This process can take up to a couple of hours or more, so don't plan to go on a morning when you have classes.
4. Obtain Non-Owner's Insurance from the insurance carrier of your choice. Usually there is a deposit of around \$150, with monthly payments ranging from \$135 and up, depending on driving experience, age, and driving record (if you have one). You must have this insurance coverage prior to taking the driving portion of the test.
5. On the morning of the test, bring all of your documents including proof of insurance, along with cash or a check for \$32 to pay for the license. You must have a vehicle to drive for the driving test. As such, be sure to bring a licensed friend (who has a car) with you to the DMV.

Required Documents:

- Passport or Birth Certificate
- I-20
- I-94
- A copy of your official transcript