

Moving to Texas

Texas Christian University
Changing your Driver License

- I am new to Texas, what do I need to do in order to get a Texas license?

A new resident moving into Texas who has a valid driver license from his home state, has *30 days* after entry into the state to secure a Texas driver license. In addition to testing, all first time original applicants must visit a Texas Driver License office and do the following in accordance to: Texas Transportation Code 521.029.

New residents previously licensed in another state:

- Proof of Identity. (37 Texas Administrative Code 15.24.)
- Proof of Social Security Number. (37 Texas Administrative Code 15.42, Texas Transportation Code 521.044.)
- Proof of Texas vehicle registration and liability insurance, if you own a vehicle. (Texas Transportation Code 521.143.)
- Complete required forms available at any Texas Driver License office.
- Pay the required fee. (37 Texas Administrative Code 15.40, Texas Transportation Code 521.421)
- Pass the vision exam. (37 Texas Administrative Code 15.51, Texas Transportation Code 521.161)
- Application must include photograph and thumbprints; however, thumbprints are not included on the driver license. (37 Texas Administrative Code 15.44, 37 Texas Administrative Code 15.45, Texas Transportation Code 521.142.)
- If you have a VALID out-of-state license in your possession, please bring it to the driver license office to surrender. (Texas Transportation Code 521.182).

NOTE: If you have an EXPIRED out-of-state license, you will be required to pass both the written and driving* exams, in addition to a vision test.

* Applicant must provide vehicle.

New residents from out-of-country:

- Proof of identity. (37 Texas Administrative Code 15.24.)
- Proof of Social Security Number. (If you do not have a Social Security Number, you will need to complete a Social Security Affidavit, DL-13, form. 37 Texas Administrative Code 15.42, Texas Transportation Code 521.044.)
- Proof of Texas vehicle registration and liability insurance, if you own a vehicle. (Texas Transportation Code 521.143.)
- Complete required forms available at any Texas Driver License office.
- Pay the required fee. (37 Texas Administrative Code 15.40, Texas Transportation Code 521.421.)
- Pass the written, driving* and vision examinations. (37 Texas Administrative Code 15.51, 37 Texas Administrative Code 15.52, 37 Texas Administrative Code 15.56, Texas Transportation Code 521.161.)
- Application must include photograph and thumbprints; however, thumbprints are not included on the driver license. (37 Texas Administrative Code 15.44, 37 Texas Administrative Code 15.45, Texas Transportation Code 521.142)

* Applicant must provide vehicle.