

# **DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles)**

In the United States, a department or division of motor vehicles aka DMV is a state-level government department that regulates vehicle registration and driver licensing. Every U.S. state has a Department of Motor Vehicles that are responsible for managing different citizen needs such as personal identity cards, driving privileges and licenses, and certifications for vehicles such as cars, trucks, bikes, and boats - both personal and commercial. One of the most common communications between people and their government is with their Department of Motor Vehicles. Everyone has to communicate with the DMV at one point in his/her life and, more than expected; these communications occur yearly - whether for registration renewals or penalties if you drive bad. The people at the DMV aren't improving tests to work, and several people fail. In some states, like California and Florida, officials are generally under stress to increase the pass ratio. But, no one wants to raise the pass ratio just making the test easier. Hawaii is the only U.S. state where no section of the state government offers DMV functions; it has entirely delegated vehicle registration and driver licensing to county governments.

There are also some sections of the law that are regularly being renewed or amended, and the DMV does want to ensure all the people are informed of these new laws or rules that

might not get a lot of advertising in the local or even provincial news. Areas of the law that are normally changes include child safety seat and booster seat rules, regulated licensing laws, bicycle or sharing the road rules, and seat belt and cell phone restrictions. The DMV written test is intended to test one's knowledge of the roads laws to ensure the roads are as safe as possible. If drivers drive on the road and don't know the laws of the road, the roads won't be safe.

Getting your first driver's license in the US requires you to get a learner's permit before completing your DMV-approved driver training. Even in states where such programs are not required under law, completing a driver's training program can help make reliable and more responsible drivers.

If you are walking into the DMV to take the written test for a driver's license, you should know the following things:

1. Traffic signs — Know your traffic signs

2. Right-of-Way or What to do at a crossing with a 4-way stop sign?

3. How to share the road with cars, heavy trucks, bicycles, walkers, and anything that's not an automobile.

- 4. Speed Limits
- 5. Bad Weather
- 6. Seatbelt and Child Safety Seat Law
- 7. Cell Phone Laws & Distracted Driving
- 8. Graduated Driving Licensing Laws
- 9. Headlights
- 10. Move Over Laws

# Why DMV Need to Have the Papers Translated?

The DMV needs a typed or printed translation of any text not in English when you are asking for a driver's license, driver authorization card, identification card or commercial driver's license.

If you are not a permanent citizen of the US, you can be qualified to get a DMV driver license if you meet the conditions for ID proof of identity, social security number, current residency, and legal appearance. You can keep your foreign driver license along with your DMV real ID driver license. Some US states do not accept international driver licenses. If your real, non-US driver license is not in English, you need to attach an English translation from your embassy or a freelancer or a professional translation agency. The embassy translation must be on formal embassy letterhead.

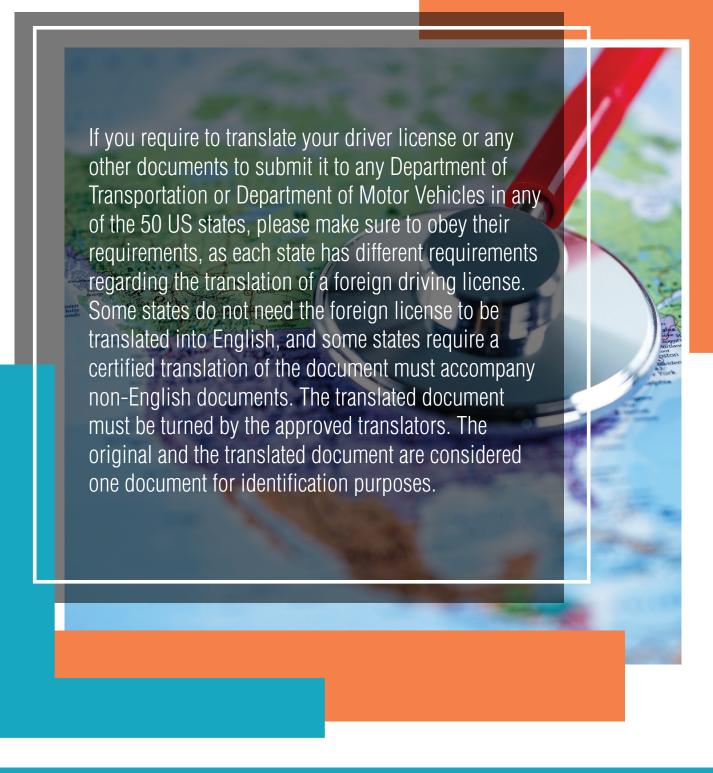
You can use one of the DMV approved professional translators. Translations will be denied if they do not include the following:

- A typed or electronically printed translator certification report
  - Translator's printed name and signature and name of the translation agency
    - Date of translation

• DMV Approved Translator Number

• A notarization translation (if required) The date of the translation on the certificate must be on or after the real date of the non-English language driver license. Translations from certified agencies must be certified with a stamp, seal, or notarized by preparing a notarized affidavit verifying a qualified translator has made the translation and that it is both accurate and complete.

## Which States Have Their Own DMV Translators?



Some US states have their DMV translators such as:

- Alaska Arizona California Colorado Connecticut, Florida Idaho Illinois
- Indiana Mississippi Missouri Nebraska Nevada New Jersey Pennsylvania
- Texas Utah Washington West Virginia, etc.

## What Are the Most Requirements of DMV?

The interactive driver licensing online brochure is a useful tool for those looking for detailed information on the Department of Motor Vehicles requirements. The brochure provided by Universal Translation Services will give you a list of requirements, and enable you to pre-fill any needed application(s). Depending on your qualification you may also be capable of using the online brochure to present your application electronically and schedule a meeting with the DMV for expedited service. Note: Every US state has different requirements of DMV! It's essential to meet the Department or Division of Motor Vehicles licensing requirements.

Complete the application form including:

- Your Social security number (SSN).
- If you are below age 18, complete the segment of the application for candidates under age 18 (candidate, school and sponsoring certifications).
- If you are requesting for a commercial driver license, fill the segment of the application for

commercial driver candidates.

• Fill the medical questions. For some medical requirements, you will be required to have your doctor give medical information.

Note: Thoroughly read the guidance at the top of the application for knowledge about which segments you need to complete for the kind of license for which you are requesting.

• Submit proof of residency if over 18.

• Submit proof of your name and date of birth, for instance, a certified U.S. birth certificate, valid passport or certificate of naturalization.

• Submit proof of U.S. citizenship, legal firm resident state, conditional resident state or temporary visitor state.

• Submit proof of identity (an adequate document with your signature or photo such as a state ID card or your social security card).



Note: In some states, hospital birth certificates or baptismal certificates are not acceptable. Get a copy of your birth certificate at your Register of Deeds or city health office.

### **Special Circumstances:**

• Military employees and dependents assigned are not required to obtain a license. For license holders, please see Military Personnel Recovering their Driver's License.

• If your foreign license has expired for more than two years, you must get a learner's permit, and you will be needed to take an 8-hour safe driving training course at a licensed driving school before taking the skills inspection at a DMV office.

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• Foreign tourists on a visitor's visa may work a motor vehicle in the US states for one year with a correct out of country license and an International Driver Permit which is taken from their home country.

• Full-time students living in one state but maintaining out of state or out of permanent country residency do not have to get a license as long as full-time student state is in effect. Once full-time student status is finished, you have 30 days to get a license.

• A license from American Samoa, Guam or U.S. Virgin Islands is the same as an out of state license (same requirements as above); though, you must obtain a summary of your driver record from your home territory

#### Do you need a Certified Translation for the DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles) in the US, of your driver license?

Universal Translation Services provides certified driver license and documents translation services required for Department of Motor Vehicles according to DMV Requirements. We will work with your local DMV office to give the correct certification and ensure approval of your driver's license. The translation goes through strict proofreading before its delivery, made by our quality control team. We are also used to the submission deadlines of the documents we work on; therefore, we adapt ourselves to the requested terms. You can send our certified translations to the DMV or the USCIS with trust because our translators highly qualified and offer high-quality translation services. For all DMV translation purposes, you will also need to order a Notarized Certified Translation to ensure that it is accepted. We will help you fulfill all your requirements related to DVM, so please feel free to make contact with us and get a free DVM translation quote now!