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Non-US-Citizens

Our Frankfort central office location processes Non-U.S. Citizen applications (blue forms) Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.

Goal: Verify legal status in the U.S. and documentation authenticity/information prior to applying for a Kentucky driver's license.

Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services

- KRS 186.412 requires all non U.S. citizens wishing to apply for a Kentucky driver's license or ID card to make application to a Division of Driver Licensing regional office. This excludes permanent residents. If the Division of Driver Licensing approves the application, the license/ID card will be issued from the Circuit Court Clerk's office in the county where the applicant resides.
- "Permanent Residents" or "Resident Aliens" may go directly to the Circuit Court Clerk's office for license. They must present their Permanent Resident card or I-551 with photo issued by BCIS.
- Non U.S. citizens with B1/B2 "Visitor" or WT status will not be approved for a Kentucky license or ID card. All non U.S. citizens may drive in the U.S. on their valid foreign license and International Permit for up to one year from the date of admission into the U.S. provided their home country is part of the Geneva Compact. Drivers from non Geneva Compact countries must obtain a Kentucky license within 30 days of establishing residency in Kentucky.

Required Documentation

- A non U.S. citizen must present all of his or her BCIS documents to Driver Licensing personnel, such as Visa with I-94, Employment Authorization Card (I-688A or I-688B or I-766) or I-94 with stamped picture. College students must also present an I-20 form completed by university, along with a letter from the Universities Registrars Office, stating enrolled full-time and in good standing. J-1 exchange visitors must have form DS2019.
- Applicants on work related Visa (excluding Employment Authorization Cards) must show proof of employment within the last 30 days (i.e., payroll check, verification on company letterhead). The spouse of someone with a work status visa (if in the U.S. on a dependent Visa) must show spouse's Visa, I-94 and proof of employment.
- Non U.S. citizens must also provide either a social security card, tax ID number or ineligibility letter from the Social Security Administration.

Residency Requirements

- All non U.S. citizens must also provide proof of residency in Kentucky. Kentucky law defines "residence" as a person who has established Kentucky as his or her state of domicile. Proof of residency shall include, but not be limited to, a deed or property tax bill, utility agreement or utility bill or housing agreement.

Testing

- All non U.S. citizens applying for a first time Kentucky license, with the exception of permanent residents, are required to take the written, vision and road tests. This includes transfer driver's holding a valid license from another state or country. Driver's holding a valid out of state license, or a valid license from a Geneva Compact country, will not be required to hold a permit. Non U.S. citizens already licensed in Kentucky are not required to retest but they must be approved by Division of Driver Licensing.
- **Available Testing Languages for Written Permit Test**

Albanian	Arabic	Bosnian	Cambodian	Chinese	Croatian
English	French	German	Indian (Hindi)	Japanese	Korean

Laotian
Spanish

Persian
Thai

Polish
Turkish

Romanian
Vietnamese

Russian

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License Expiration

- A license or ID card issued to a non U.S. citizen will be issued to expire with their BCIS documents. Exceptions to this are "Special Status Individuals" (Asylee, Refugee, Paroled in Public Interest, or K-1). These individuals will receive a 4 year license or I. D. If the persons BCIS documents are issued for an indefinite period of time, but the person is not considered a "Special Status", the license or ID will be for a 2 year period.

Fraudulent Documents

- A person presenting false information regarding citizenship, residency or immigration status under KF 186.570 will be denied or suspended and prosecuted.

Applications



Non-U.S. Citizen Application - Form TC 94-152



Non-U.S. Citizen Application (Spanish) - Form TC 94-152-Spanish



INS School Compliance - Form TC 94-159

Please read all instructions.

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