

GETTING A PENNSYLVANIA DRIVER'S LICENSE

Study for Knowledge Test

Read the Pennsylvania (PA) Driver's Manual on the DMV's website - www.dmv.pa.gov under "Driver Services – Driver Licensing." To help you prepare for the knowledge test, you can get an app called PA Driver's Practice Test, which is free on iOS or Google Play. **Must complete and pass your knowledge test and vision test at the DMV in order to receive a learner's permit.**

Applying for a Learner's Permit

Documents to Take to the Driver License Center When You Apply

1. **Completed Form DL-180:** <https://www.dot.state.pa.us/Public/DVSPubsForms/BDL/BDL%20Form/DL-180.pdf>. The **medical exam portion** MUST be filled out at the Health and Wellness Center or with your local physician. **You MUST schedule an appointment for your physical exam and complete this form BEFORE you can get your driver's license.**
2. Passport/Visa
3. I-20
4. I-94 - print your "most recent" (not the "travel history") online at i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/#/home
5. Social Security card **OR** Social Security rejection letter (see page 2) from Social Security Office
6. PSU Student ID Card
7. 2 proofs of address – bill, bank statement, lease, etc. showing your name and address in Erie
8. Check or money order for \$35.50

Once you have your permit, you will be able to schedule the driving exam right away at the Driver License Center or call 1-800-423-5542 to schedule. If you take your driving exam at the Center, you will need to come with a PA licensed driver who is 21 years or older and bring a car that you can use for your driving exam. **See section below for another option for taking the driving exam.**

If you want to purchase a car in Pennsylvania – You will need to have a Pennsylvania Driver's license or photo ID in order to get your car titled and registered.

PennDOT (Pennsylvania Department of Transportation)

Driver License Center

Location: Summit Towne Centre, 7200 Peach Street Erie, PA 16509

Contact: 1-800-932-4600 or online at the DMV's website - www.dmv.pa.gov

Hours:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Driver License Center Hours	Closed	8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.	8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.	8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.	8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.	8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Best Times To Visit	Driver Exam Closed	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Driving Lessons and/or Driving Exam

Transportation Solutions is now able to provide driving lessons and/or exams at their location in a car that they will provide for a fee(s). You need to make an appointment and come to their location for the exam. *You do not need to come with someone 21 or older.* Prices for exams and driving lessons can be found on the Transportation Solutions website above.

Location: 4202 Peach Street Erie, PA 16509 | 814-833-2301 | www.drivingneeds.com

Social Security Rejection Letter

(Only If You Do Not Have a Social Security Number)

Documents to Take to the Social Security Office When You Apply

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2. I-20
3. I-94 - print your "most recent" (not the "travel history") online i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/#/home
4. PSU Student ID Card

**Ask for a SSN rejection letter because you are an F-1 student who is not employed on campus and you are seeking a driver's license. (Note-this letter does not prevent you from obtaining an SSN in the future).*

Social Security Office: 717 State Street, Suite 500, Erie, PA 16501 | 1-877-405-2887 | www.ssa.gov

Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon on Wednesday

Not open on Saturday or Sunday

Transportation by Bus: Take EMTA Bus 26 – starts at 6:17am and comes to campus every hour

Note: This visit could take about 2 hours, depending on how busy the office is.

Transferring Your Driver's License to Pennsylvania

If you are transferring a driver's license to Pennsylvania from another state in the USA (or if you have a license from a US territory, Canada, Germany, France, Taiwan, or South Korea ONLY). You will not receive a learner's permit. You will need to pass a vision exam, and you will be issued a new driver's license at that time. You will need:

- Your current, valid driver's license – or your license that has been expired for less than 6 months
- Completed form *Application for Pennsylvania Non-Commercial Driver's License by Out-Of-State Non-CDL Driver:* <http://www.dot.state.pa.us/Public/DVSPubsForms/BDL/BDL%20Form/DL-180R.pdf>
- Passport/Visa
- I-20
- I-94 - print your "most recent" (not the "travel history") online i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/#/home
- Social security number OR Rejection Letter from Social Security Office
- PSU Student ID Card
- Check or money order for \$30.50