



Drivers License and State ID Cards

***DO NOT APPLY UNTIL YOU HAVE BEEN IN THE U.S. FOR TWO WEEKS!!**

- **International Driver's Licenses** may be used for up to **30 days**. After that you must obtain a Colorado Driver's License
- **Canadian, German, and French** Driver's Licenses as well as all US state licenses are honored in Colorado and may be "traded" for Colorado Licenses
- To Obtain a Colorado Driver's License or state issued ID:
 1. If you do not have a Social Security Number, visit the SSA office at **5400 W 11th St., Suite A** and request a **denial letter** stating that you do not have a Social Security Number
 2. Visit the Colorado Department of Motor Vehicles at **800 8th Avenue in Greeley** Phone 970-352-5845
 3. Take your immigration documents:
 - Valid passport with visa and I-94
 - I-20 or DS-2019 **stamped in red** on your most recent entry into the US
 - Your most recent UNC I-20 or DS-2019
Note to transfer students: if your UNC I-20 was not used to enter the US (stamped in red) then the following must be on your UNC I-20 in section 9.
 - Your previous school
 - The date of your transfer (release date)
 - The date of your enrollment at UNC
 - Your Social Security card OR a denial letter from the Social Security Office
 - If you are on OPT (F-1) or Academic Training (J-1), you must also bring
 - Employment Authorization Document for OPT (F-1) or your letter of authorization (J-1)
 - Something showing that you are living in Colorado: a letter from your employer, a pay stub, a current utilities bill showing a Colorado license

STOP: if all you need is a state ID

CONTINUE: if you are getting a drivers license

4. Study the Driver's Handbook
 - *Note: This is not required for holders of Canadian, French, German or other US State Driver's Licenses – BUT THE DMV WILL INVALIDATE YOUR HOME COUNTRY LICENSE. If you wish to keep that license, you must take all the tests.*
 - The Drivers Handbook can be found at: www.revenue.state.co.us/mv_dir/home.asp then click on "**Drivers Handbooks**" and choose "**Colorado Driver Handbook**"
 5. Get Learner's Permit and begin practicing
 6. Schedule appointment for the driving test and bring:
 - proof of insurance for the car in which you will take your driving test
 - immigration documents listed in #3 above
- Insurance is **REQUIRED** for anyone who will own and drive a vehicle and is **RECOMMENDED** for all people even if they do not own a vehicle.
 - Your Colorado Driver's License will be issued for the dates on your I-20 or DS-2019 and will be mailed to you. There will be no grace period on your license.
 - To renew your Driver's License, take all items in # 3, plus your I-20 or DS-2019 with your new program end date OR your EAD for OPT.

REMEMBER: This is a VERY busy office! They can better help you if you take all necessary documents and are patient with them.



Registering cars or changing your license plates

Location of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV):

Weld County Offices
1402 N. 17th Avenue
Greeley, CO 80631
Phone: (970) 304-6520 extension 3110

Directions:

- Take 11th Avenue North to O Street
- Turn Left on O Street
- Turn Left onto 17th Avenue

Business Hours: Monday through Friday, 7:30am to 5pm

Documentation Required:

- Proof of automobile insurance
- Proof of ownership (title of vehicle)
- Proof of Vehicle Identification Number (out of state only)
- Photo I.D.
- Immigration documents (see instructions for driver's licenses)

Fee/Cost:

- Depends on the vehicle
- For an estimate visit <http://www.co.larimer.co.us/motorv/estimate.htm#estimate>

Method of Payment: Check or cash ONLY

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Questions:

<http://www.co.weld.co.us/departments/clerkrecorder/motorv/registering.html>