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Southern Nevada DMV New Resident Tips



Welcome to the Silver State!

New Nevada residents must obtain their driver license within 30 days. You must register your vehicles at the same time or within 60 days of becoming a resident, whichever occurs first. The fine for failing to register your vehicle is \$1,000. Below are the items you will need for a typical transfer.

DRIVER'S LICENSE

- **Your Valid, State-Issued Driver's License or ID**
If your license is expired, suspended or revoked, contact us to determine what you need to do. You must also present additional proof of identity as outlined below.
- **Proof of Your Social Security Number**
If your social security number is not printed on your driver's license, you will need to bring your social security card or other official documents with your number.
- **Additional Proof of Identity**
We do not accept other states' licenses, instruction permits or ID cards as proof of identity.
Please bring one of the documents listed in addition to your license, permit or ID card. Documents must be *valid originals* issued in the U.S. (except for foreign passports).
 - Certified U.S. Issued Birth Certificate or Certified Abstract
 - U.S. Passport (valid or expired less than one year)
 - U.S. Military Identification or Military Report of Separation
 - Certificate of Citizenship or Naturalization
 - Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood
 - Consular Report of Birth Abroad
 - Permanent or Temporary Resident Card
 - Resident Alien Card or I-551 Receipt
 - Valid Foreign Passport stamped "Processed for I-551"
 - Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) with Visa or Passport
 - Permit to Reenter the U.S.
 - Refugee Travel Documents

You must also present evidence of legal name change(s).
This may include a marriage certificate, divorce decree, adoption records or court order. Original or certified copy.

DRIVER TESTING

- All applicants take a vision test. Other tests will be waived if:
- You are age 21 or older and have no special restrictions.
 - Your out-of-state license is valid and you are applying for the same class of license.
 - You have no more than 2 moving violations, no suspensions, revocations, cancellations or denials in the past 4 years and no DUI conviction within the past 7 years.

If you do not meet all of these requirements, you will have to take a written test and possibly a skills test.
Applicants who are not licensed in the U.S. must take all three tests regardless of age.
Drivers under the age of 18 who hold an instruction permit or intermediate license must follow Nevada's regulations to obtain a full license. Visit our web site for details.
All applications are checked through the national Problem Driver Pointer System.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

- **Nevada Liability Insurance**
Out-of-state insurance is not accepted. Make sure the name(s) on your insurance and registration match exactly. Motorists who do not maintain coverage from a Nevada-licensed carrier are subject to registration suspension and a reinstatement fee.
- **Nevada Emissions Vehicle Inspection Report (if needed)** Smog checks are required on gasoline and diesel cars and trucks, 1968 and newer, based in and around the Las Vegas area. Exemptions include new vehicles on the first or second registration, hybrids up to five years old and diesel vehicles of more than 14,000 pounds gross weight. Call (702) 486-4981.
- **Your Current Registration Slip(s)**
Nearly all trailers must be registered and titled.
- **Title(s), Unless Held By Lienholder**
You have the option of retaining your out-of-state title. We suggest getting a Nevada title if possible.
- **VIN Check(s)**
Vehicle Identification Number inspections are done at DMV offices. In Las Vegas, drive to the inspection station outside the main office first.
- **Your Out-of-State License Plates**
Bring them into the office with you.
- **Fees-Cash, Check, Major Credit Cards**
Have your VIN ready and visit our web site or call for registration fee estimates.

MOTORCYCLES

Motorcyclists are required to wear helmets and possess a Class M license. Nevada transfers most motorcycle endorsements. Mopeds 50cc or less, with less than 2 horsepower, do not have to be registered and you do not need a Class M license. However, you must have a valid Class C or higher license.

BOATS

Water vessels are registered with the Nevada Division of Wildlife. Call (702) 486-5127. Trailers are registered with DMV.

DMV OFFICE LOCATIONS – SOUTHERN NEVADA

All offices are open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Las Vegas Metro Area offices are also open Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Las Vegas Metro Area**
 - 8250 W. Flamingo Rd. (at Cimarron)
 - 2701 E. Sahara Ave. (at McLeod)
 - 7170 N. Decatur Blvd. (at Elkhorn in North Las Vegas)
 - 1399 American Pacific Dr. (at Stephanie in Henderson)

- Laughlin** 3030 S. Needles Highway Suite 900
- Mesquite** 330 N. Sandhill Rd. Suite H
- Pahrump** 1780 E. Basin Ave.

CONTACT US

Telephone – Las Vegas Area – (702) 486-4368 | Elsewhere - Toll Free 1-877-368-7828 | TDD - (775) 684-4904
Internet – www.dmvnv.com – Fee Estimates, Forms, Special Plates and More.