

## Applying for a New York Driver License or a NY State ID Card

International students may apply for a driver license or a NY State ID card. With enhanced concerns for security, the verification process for eligibility is strict. The New York Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has a list of documents you may use to prove your name and date of birth. Please review the information below to be sure you have the documents to prove your identity before you visit the DMV local office. You must present a total of 6 points:

### **MUST HAVE EITHER**

(2 points) U.S. Social Security Card bearing your signature

### **OR**

(0 points) If you are unable to apply for a Social Security Card, you must obtain a letter of ineligibility from the Social Security Administration (SSA) issued within 30 days of your application to the DMV.

### **AND**

(3 points) Passport in English (valid for at least 6 more months) with Visa and I-94 card indicating F-1 (student) or F-2 (spouse or child of student) status plus your I-20. The I-20 must be issued for at least one year or more and must be valid for at least 6 months into the future when applying at the DMV. This must be presented with both the original entry document and extension/change of status approval document (if applicable) stamped by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). For this reason, if your current I-20 is not stamped by the DHS please bring all I-20s that were ever issued to you.

### **WITH**

(2 points) SVA Student ID Card with photo and transcript

(2 points) Valid photo driver license issued by another U.S. State or Canadian Province

(1 point) U.S. health insurance card

(1 point) U.S. bank statement, canceled check with your name pre-printed, ATM card, or valid major U.S. credit card

(1 point) U.S. supermarket check cashing card

(1 point) U.S. utility bill with your name and address on it

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**= 6 points total**

Please note that the DMV requires all **original** documents and will not count more than one document of the same type of proof (for example, 3 major credit cards are reviewed as one card). Your name must be the same on all documents presented. The DMV will not accept documents with any alterations or erasures.

Please visit the DMV's official web site at [www.dmv.ny.gov](http://www.dmv.ny.gov) for further information, including the DMV's local office address and to download the application form. Take the Form MV-44



(Application for Driver License or NY State ID Card) with the above documents worth a total of 6 points to a DMV local office that is convenient to you. The DMV office that is closest to SVA is:

New York Department of Motor Vehicles (Herald Square — NYSDMV)  
1293-1311 Broadway, 8th Floor New York, NY 10001 (Between W 33 and W 34 Streets, across  
the street from Macy's Department Store)  
Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 am — 4:00 pm  
Tel: 212-645-5550

\* You must apply for a driver's license or state ID in the state you reside in. If you live in New Jersey, please follow the instructions for New Jersey residents. The official web site for the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission is <http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/>.

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