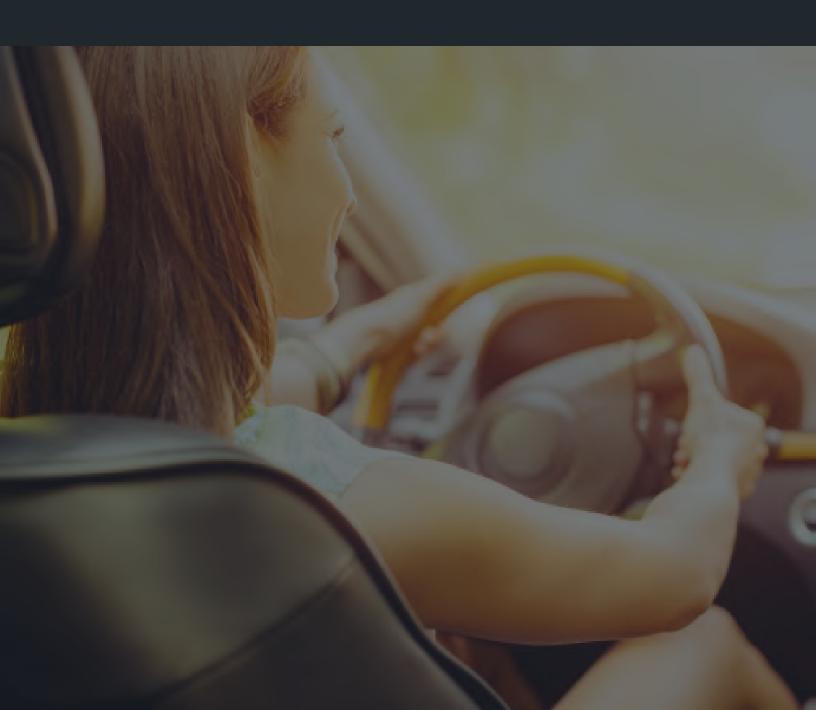
# Utah Drivers License Guide



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# Starting the Journey



Obtaining your license is one of the most gratifying moments in your life. The purpose of this guide is to make sure you get to that moment with as little stress or complication as possible.

Getting your driver's license in Utah is a smooth process that only requires some preparation. This guide is here to help you know exactly how to prepare and ensure that you are able to get through things as quickly as possible. You will not information pertaining to everything from obtaining your learner permit, driver's license or ID card to how to renew, replace or change the information on these items. This guide will help you get ready to drive in Utah quickly and easily.

## **All Drivers**

You must remember that the roads are not always safe. Therefore, it is in your best interest to fully prepare for whatever may come your way before you begin driving. When you begin driving, you are not only responsible for your safety, but you are also responsible for the safety of your passengers and all passengers in the vehicles around you. So, in order to best prepare yourself to take on that responsibility, it is always wise to rst obtain your learner permit to be able to learn to drive properly.

To obtain your learner permit, you must follow the steps below:



Visit the DLD office.



Fill out a **Learner Permit Application**.



Have your photograph taken.



Provide ONE proof of your identity and legal presence:

- · Valid U.S. passport
- Birth Certifcate



Provide ONE proof of any name changes, if necessary:

- Marriage Certificate
- Divorce Decree
- Court Order



Provide ONE proof of your Social Security Number.



Provide ONE proof of your Utah residency:

- Bank Statement, within the last 60 days.
- · Utility Bill, within the last 60 days.
- Pass the written test.



Pass the vision test.



Fill out a medical questionnaire.



Pay the \$15 fee.

All other acceptable documents to provide can be found **here**.

If you are 19 years of age or older you are not required to complete a driver education course to obtain your learner permit. Drivers must hold a learner permit for 90 days and complete 40 hours of behind the wheel driving practice, including 10 hours at night, in order to apply for a driver's license. If you are 18 years or older while you hold your learner permit, you are only going to be allowed to drive if you meet these circumstances:



You are accompanied by an adult 21 years or older who holds a valid driver's license.



You have your learner permit with you while you drive.

#### **Vision Exam**

Getting your vision checked before you obtain your learner permit or driver's license is essential to ensure that you are physically capable of driving. The exam is very straightforward and will require that you have a minimum vision of 20/40. If you fail your vision exam, you must get a statement from an eye doctor to specify any vision problems you may have and restrictions that should be imposed on your license. You will be required to take a vision test any time you obtain a new, renewed or duplicate license, and all drivers 65 years or older will need to take a vision test any time they apply for a license.

If you have any questions regarding the vision screening test, please take a look at the Restriction License section of the **Utah Driver Handbook**.

#### **Written Exam**

You need to take a written exam rst before receiving your learner permit. There will be a total of 50 questions in the Utah written knowledge test. Keep in mind that you will only be permitted to take the test twice a day. If you fail more than three times you need to pay the fee again.

In order to prepare for the written exam you need to review all information regarding driver safety, tra c laws, and all Utah laws. The exam is available in multiple languages for those who are not uent in English and require language assistance. All the information you need to study to prepare for the test can be found in the **Utah Driver Handbook**.

## **Teen Drivers**

If you are a teen driver, this guide will outline and help you to better understand each procedure you must complete in order to obtain your new driver's license. As a new driver, it is important that you carefully read through each step and fully understand how everything works. This is to ensure that you avoid any complications, but also to be sure that you are well prepared to be a safe and responsible driver.



## Fees

Drivers 21 years of age or younger are required to pay a \$30.00 fee for obtaining their rst driver's license. Driver older than 21 years of age pay a \$25.00 fee. Learner permits for drivers of all ages are \$15.00.

#### **Step 1: Learner Permit**

In order to begin your journey of attaining your license as a teen, you must rst obtain your learner permit. Your written test result will be valid for two years after you take it, meaning you have two years to obtain your driver's license before your written test results expire. If you wait longer than two years, you will be required to retake and pass the written test.

To obtain your learner permit, you are required to follow the steps below:



Visit the DLD office.



Fill out a License Application.



Have your photograph taken



Provide ONE proof of your identity and legal presence:

- Valid U.S. passport
- · Birth Certificate
- Provide ONE proof of your Social Security Number.



Provide ONE proof of your Utah residency:

- · Bank Statement, within the last 60 days.
- Utility Bill, within the last 60 days.
- If you are 18 years or younger, proof can be any mail sent to your parent or legal guardian.



Pass the written test.



Pass the vision test.



Fill out a medical questionnaire.



Parent and/or legal guardian must sign a form accepting financial responsibility.



Pay the \$15 fee.

All other acceptable documents to provide can be found **here**.

#### Restrictions

If you are under 18 years old, you will have certain restrictions on your license. This is to ensure that as you slowly progress in skill as you also begin to obtain more freedom in driving.

If you are younger than 17 years of age, you are not allowed to drive on any public roadway from 12:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. unless you are accompanied by a licensed driver who is 21 years of age or older and sitting in the front passenger's seat. Other exceptions to this law include commuting to and from work, driving as part of agricultural work, driving to or from a school-sponsored activity, or in cases of emergencies.

Teens are also prohibited from driving any passengers who are not immediate family members unless they have held a valid driver's license for at least six months are or accompanied by a licensed driver who is 21 years of age or older. Exceptions also exist for this restriction, particularly if there is an emergency. Parents are required to sign the nancial responsibility form and have a valid license if they wish to accompany a teenage driver in the vehicle.

### **Step 2: Driver Education**

The second step you must take after you obtain your learner permit is complete a driver education course in order to obtain your driver's license. Taking a driver education course demonstrates to the DLD office that you have the basic driving knowledge and skills to be able to take the written test.

## **Dates**

The course will consist of the following parts:



Classroom-style instruction consisting of either:

- 30 hours of an online or home study course
- 27 hours in a high school driver education course
- 18 hours at a commercial driving school



Six hours of behind the wheel driving



Six hours of observation



You will need to complete all three parts in order to receive your driver education certificate. You can complete these requirements in one of the following ways:



Attending a commercial driving school



Enrolling in a driver education class at your local high school



Completing an online or home study course

If you decide to participate in an online or home study course, you have to complete the behind the wheel and observation portion of the courses at a high school or commercial driving school program.

#### Step 3: Provisional Driver's license

The last step before you are able to move towards obtaining your adult driver's license is obtaining your provisional driver's license. This license is issued to drivers who are younger than 21 years of age, and driving with this license involves some restrictions, as mentioned above. Once you turn 21 years old, you can obtain a regular adult driver's license. Getting a provisional license is fairly simple and will take only a small amount of preparation on your part.

The first thing you must make sure of is that you meet the following qualifications:



You have held your learner permit for at least six months or until you turn 18 years old.



You have completed a driver education course.

If you meet these requirements then, you are ready to begin the process of getting your driving license by taking the steps below:



Visit the DLD office.



Fill out a License Application.



Have your photograph taken.



Present your learner permit.



Pass the vision test.



Fill out a medical questionnaire.



Have your parent or legal guardian sign a form proving that you have completed at least 40 hours of behind the wheel driving, including 10 hours at night.



Your parent or legal guardian must sign a form accepting financial responsibility.



Pay the \$30 fee.

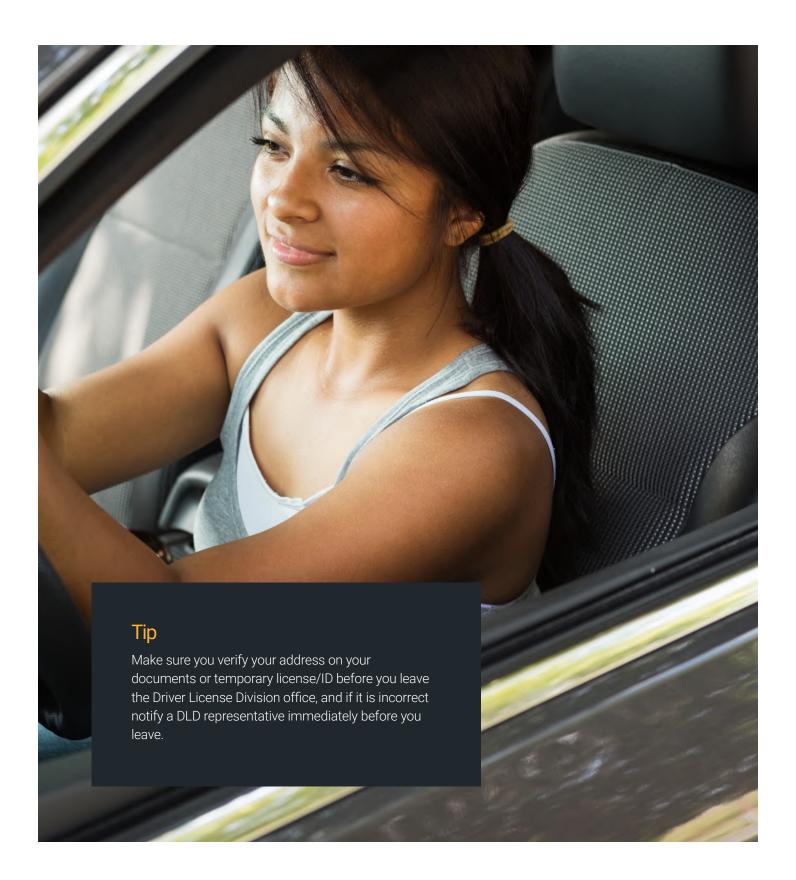


Schedule a driving test with the DLD office.



Pass a driving test.

After you complete the above steps, you will receive a temporary driver's license from the DLD office. Your permanent driver's license should arrive in the mail within three weeks, otherwise please contact the DLD office. All other acceptable documents to provide can be found here.



# **Getting Your**

# First Utah License

If you have gone through the steps of getting your Learner Permit in Utah, then you are now only one step closer to of obtaining your driver's license. All that is required is that you follow the steps below that best fit your situation to officially hold that brand new license.

## **Driving Test**

Taking a driving test is necessary in order for the DLD to determine your driving skills level. To take the driving test, you have to make an appointment by calling your **local DLD office**. You have three chances to take the test, and you must take them within six months of paying the driving test fee. You are able to take the test either at the DLD office or at a third party tester. Continue reading below to understand better what will happen during your test from start to finish.

The first part of the driving test involves the examiner inspecting and making sure that all of the necessary parts of your vehicle function properly and are not a safety risk to you or anyone else. Vehicle features the examiner will inspect include:









Windows



Windshield wipers



Exhaust system



Speedometer



Horn



Mirrors



Defroster



Safety belts

Once the road test begins, the examiner will judge and grade you based on your ability to obey instructions and perform the following tasks:



Keeping a proper driving posture



Changing lanes



Making left and right turns



Parallel parking



Parking on hills and in between vehicles



Backing up



Passing



Making a U-turn



Pulling over

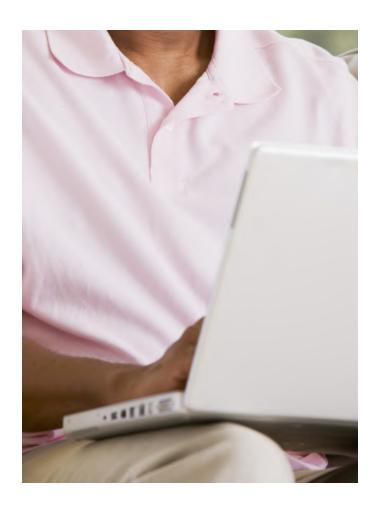


Starting and stopping the vehicle



Any other instructions the examiner gives you during the test

Overall, the driving test will take up to an hour depending on the weather conditions and how well prepared you are to take the test. You will not be required to know anything beyond the standard knowledge and skills necessary to operate a vehicle. You will be allowed to take the driving test once a day, but after three failed attempts you must retake the exam. To better prepare yourself for the necessary skills you need to showcase during the test please take a look at the **Utah Motorist Handbook**.



## Adult Drivers: Never Had a Driver's License

You will not be required to complete a driver education course if you are over 19 years old, but you need to have obtained a learner permit and have held it for 90 days. Getting a license for first-time drivers is a very simple process through the state of Utah. The following steps are necessary in order to obtain a driver's license



Visit a local DLD office.



Fill out a License Application.



Present your learner permit.



Have your photograph taken.



Provide ONE proof of your identity and legal presence:

- · Valid U.S. passport
- · Birth Certificate



Provide ONE proof of your Social Security Number.



Provide ONE proof of any name changes, if necessary:

- Marriage Certificate
- Divorce Decree
- Court Order



Provide ONE proof of your Utah residency:

- Bank Statement, within the last 60 days.
- · Utility Bill, within the last 60 days.



Pass the vision test.



Pass a written test.



Schedule a driving test with the DLD office.



Pass a driving test.



Fill out a medical questionnaire.



Pay the \$25 fee.

All other acceptable documents to provide can be found **here**.

After you complete the above steps, you will receive a temporary driver's license from the DLD office. Your permanent driver's license should arrive in the mail within three weeks. If you have not received it after three weeks, please contact the DLD office.

## Adult Drivers: New Resident

If you already hold a license from another state and have become a new resident of Utah, you need to obtain a Utah license as soon as possible. The process will either require that you hand over your valid out of state license or obtain a learner permit and wait 90 days before you can apply to obtain your license. You will also need to perform the following steps:



Visit the DLD office.



Fill out a License Application.



Have your photograph taken.



Provide ONE proof of your identity and legal presence:

- · Valid U.S. passport
- Birth Certificate



Provide ONE proof of any name changes, if necessary:

- Marriage Certificate
- Divorce Decree
- Court Order



Provide ONE proof of your Social Security Number.



Provide ONE proof of your Utah residency:

- · Bank Statement, within the last 60 days.
- · Utility Bill, within the last 60 days.



Pass the vision test.



Pass a written test.



Schedule a driving test with the DLD office.



Pass a driving test.



Fill out a medical questionnaire.



Pay the \$25 fee.

All other acceptable documents to provide can be found **here**.

After you complete the above steps, you will receive a temporary driver's license from the DLD office. Your permanent driver's license should arrive in the mail within three weeks. If you have not received it after three weeks, please contact the DLD office.

## Tip

Making an appointment for any DLD visit is always advised in order to avoid long lines and waiting.

# Renewing

# **Your License**

Having an expired license means that you can no longer legally drive. This means a loss of freedom and the risk of getting a ticket. It is best to renew your license well before its expiration date.

Before you renew your license, it is best that you thoroughly comprehend the process so that you can avoid issues that may occur. To begin, you must remember that a Utah driver's license expires every 5 years. Utah allows you to renew your license up to six months prior to the expiration date, and you are able to renew your license more than six months prior to the expiration date if you are able to prove that you will be out of state during the expiration date.

The steps for renewing your license are as follows:



Visit the DLD office.



Fill out a License Application.



Have your photograph taken.



Provide ONE proof of your identity and legal presence:

- · Valid U.S. passport
- Birth Certificate



Provide ONE proof of your Social Security Number.



Provide ONE proof of any name changes, if necessary:

- Marriage Certificate
- Divorce Decree
- Court Order



Provide TWO proofs of your Utah residency, only required if you have moved since the last renewal:

- Bank Statement, within the last 60 days.
- Utility Bill, within the last 60 days.



Pass the vision test.



Pass a written test consisting of 25 questions, will only be required if:

- You have had over four citations in the last five years.
- · Your license was revoked or suspended.
- Your license has been expired for over six months



Pay the \$25 fee.

## **Renewing Online**

If your renewal notice states you are allowed to renew your driver's license online, you can simply take the following steps:



Visit the Utah DLD site here.



Click 'Renew Your License'.



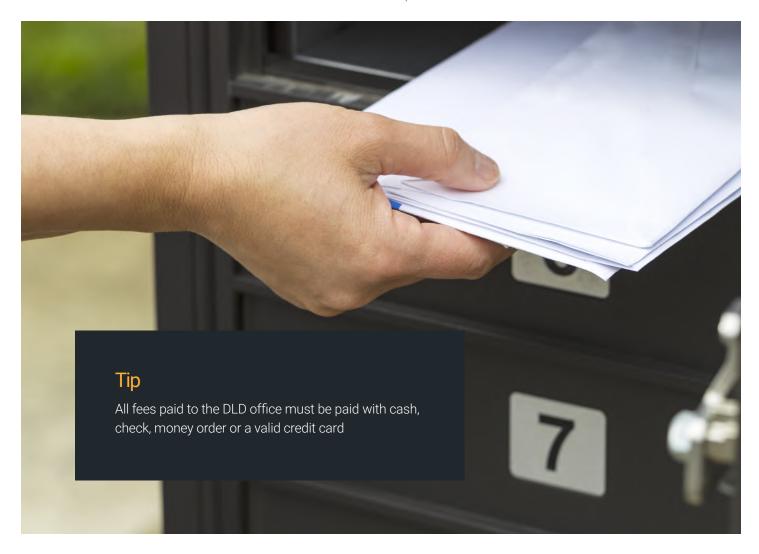
Enter all necessary information.



Pay the \$25 fee.

All acceptable documents to provide can be found here.

After you complete the above steps, you will receive a temporary driver's license from the DLD office. Your permanent driver's license should arrive in the mail within three weeks. If you have not received it after three weeks, please contact the DLD office.



# **Updating Your**

# **License Information**

Changes may happen throughout your life that may involve changes in address or name. As your driver's license also serves as a proof of your identity, you will need to update the information on your license whenever you undergo any of these changes. You will need to inform the Utah Driver License Division of any of these changes so that you can obtain a license that contains appropriate information. To better understand the process and steps you have to take, you must follow the steps that best fit your situation below.

## **Changing Your Name**

If you have officially changed your name, you will be required to change it on all of your identification documents and cards, including your driver's license. To change your name on your driver's license, simply follow the steps in the Replacing Your License section. If your license is six months within its expiration date you can choose to renew your license early by taking the steps outlined in the Renewing Your License section.

You have to provide one proof of your name change such as a marriage certificate, divorce decree or court order. All other acceptable documents to provide can be found here.

## **Changing Your Address**

If you have recently moved to a new address, it is required by law that you update the address on file with the DLD within 10 days of the change. You can do this over the phone, by mail or in person at your local DLD office. To do this, you have to take the following steps:



Visit the Utah DLD site here.



Click 'Change Your Address'.



Insert all necessary information.

To change the address on your license, simply follow the steps in the Replacing Your License section. Keep in mind that you will need to provide 2 documents that prove your address. If your license is six months within its expiration date, you can choose to renew it early by following the steps outlined in the Renewing Your License section.



# Replacing

# **Your License**

The Utah Driver License Division will help you obtain a replacement driver's license as soon as possible if your license has been lost, stolen or destroyed.

To replace a license, follow the steps below:



Visit the DLD office.



Fill out a **License Application**.



Have your photograph taken.



Provide ONE proof of your identity and legal presence:

- · Valid U.S. passport
- Birth Certificate



Provide ONE proof of your Social Security Number.



Provide ONE proof of any name changes, if necessary:

- Marriage Certificate
- Divorce Decree
- Court Order



Provide TWO proofs of your Utah residency if you have moved since the last renewal:

- Bank Statement, within the last 60 days
- Utility Bill, within the last 60 days.
- If you are 18 years or younger, proof can be any official mail sent to your parent or legal guardian.



Pass the vision test.



Pay the \$18 fee.

All acceptable documents to provide can be found here.

After you complete the above steps, you will receive a temporary driver's license from the DLD office. Your permanent driver's license should arrive in the mail within three weeks. If you have not received it after three weeks, please contact the DLD office.

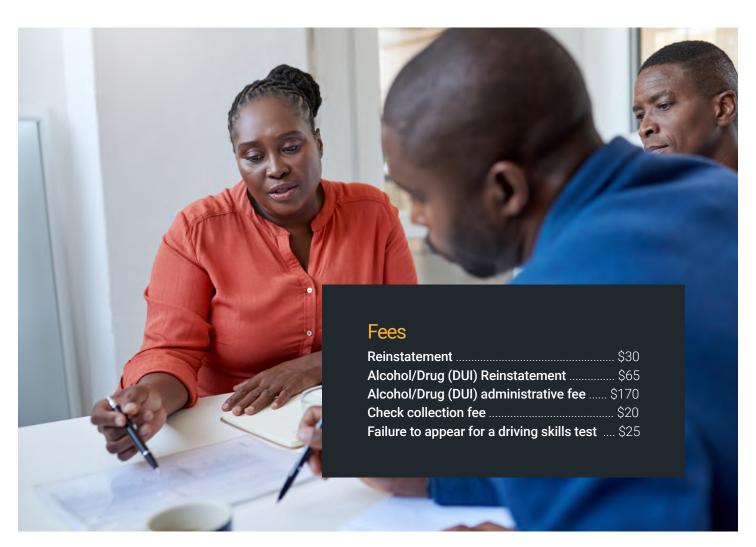


# Reinstating

# **Your License**

In order to reinstate your license, you must have satisfied all the legal requirements, including time spent off the road. Keep in mind that different types of traffic violations carry different penalties and involve different reinstatement procedures.

The DLD department will only reinstate your driver's license if you complete all of the necessary requirements pertaining to your specific situation. The DLD also imposes the following reinstatement fees:



If you need any information or clarification regarding your suspended license or under what condition it falls under please contact the DLD at 888-353-4224 during its regular business hours of Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Driving Under the Influence (DUI)

When your conviction is due to a DUI, there are several things that may happen to you and your driving privileges. Your license may be taken away and being replaced with citation that serves as a temporary license valid for 29 days. The DLD might suspend your license for an additional 120 days or 18 months if you refuse to take a test to determine if you have drugs or alcohol in your system. The court may also impose penalties, such as:



Jail Time



Community Service

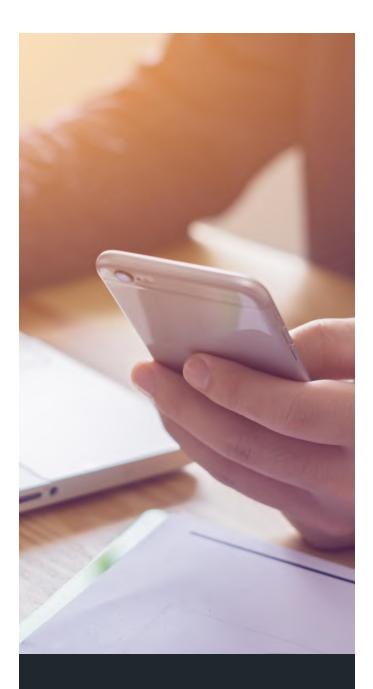


Fines and Court Fees



Alcohol and/or Drug Treatment

You will be allowed to appeal the DLD suspension on your license by filling out and submitting a **Hearing Request Form** and faxing the form to DLD office at 801-964-4499.



## Tip

If you need any information or clarification regarding your suspended license or under what condition it falls under please contact the DLD at 888-353-4224.

# **Getting Your**

# **Utah ID Card**

If you cannot obtain or do not want to obtain a driver's license, it is important that you consider getting an ID card instead. An ID card is essential because it is the one of the easiest and most common way that you can prove your identity when necessary. You can use a Utah ID card when you travel, when you make purchases, and when a law enforcement agent requests it of you. To get a Utah ID card, follow the steps below:



Visit the DLD office.



Fill out a License Application.



Provide ONE proof of your identity and legal presence:

- · Valid U.S. passport
- Birth Certificate



Provide ONE proof of your Social Security Number.



Provide ONE proof of any name changes, if necessary:

- Marriage Certificate
- Divorce Decree
- Court Order



Provide TWO proofs of your Utah residency if you have moved since the last renewal:

- Bank Statement, within the last 60 days
- Utility Bill, within the last 60 days.
- If you are 18 years or younger, proof can be any official mail sent to your parent or legal guardian.



Have your photograph taken.



Pay the \$18 fee.



## Renewing Your ID Card

A Utah ID card needs to be renewed every five years. Keep in mind that it is against state law to possess an ID card and a driver's license or learner permit. You can renew your ID card either online or in person.

To renew your ID card in person, you must do the following:



Visit the DLD office.



Fill out a License Application.



Provide ONE proof of your identity and legal presence:

- · Valid U.S. passport
- Birth Certificate



Provide ONE proof of your Social Security Number.



Provide ONE proof of any name changes, if necessary:

- Marriage Certificate
- Divorce Decree
- Court Order



Provide TWO proofs of your Utah residency if you have moved since the last renewal:

- Bank Statement, within the last 60 days
- Utility Bill, within the last 60 days.
- If you are 18 years or younger, proof can be any official mail sent to your parent or legal guardian.



Pay the \$18 fee.

To renew your ID card online, do the following:



Visit the DLD site here.



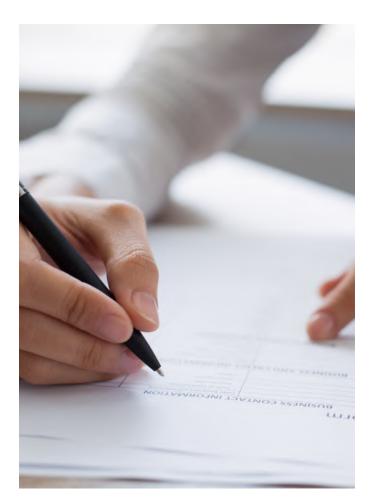
Click on 'Renew Your State ID'.



Insert all of the necessary information.



Pay the \$18 fee.



## Replacing Your ID Card

In order to replace your Utah ID card, you have to perform the following steps:



Provide ONE proof of your identity and legal presence:

- · Valid U.S. passport
- Birth Certificate



Provide ONE proof of your Social Security Number.



Provide TWO proofs of your Utah residency if you have moved since the last renewal:

- Bank Statement, within the last 60 days
- Utility Bill, within the last 60 days.
- If you are 18 years or younger, proof can be any official mail sent to your parent or legal guardian.



Provide ONE proof of any name changes, if necessary:

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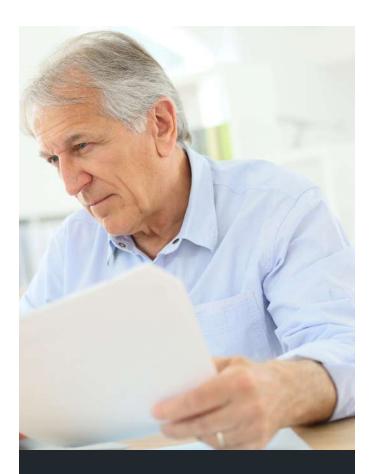


Pay the \$18 fee.

## **Updating Your ID Card Information**

When it comes time to update the information on your ID card, the process is identical to that of renewing or replacing it. If you would like to review the steps to take in order to update the information on your ID card, please take a look at the sections on replacing or renewing your ID card above.

After you complete the above steps you are going to receive a temporary driver's license from the DLD office. Your permanent driver's license should arrive in the mail within six to eight weeks. If your ID card does not arrive after eight weeks, please contact the DLD office.



## Tip

In case you are no longer capable of driving due to either age or medical reasons, the Utah DLD will allow you to exchange your Utah driver's license for an ID card free of charge. All you will be required to do is appear at the DLD office in person, have your photograph taken, and fill out and sign the ID card application.

## Vehicle

# **Safety Tips**

Before getting behind the wheel, it is important that the vehicle you are about to drive is suitable for driving. This means that you should check the safety features and make any needed changes to the vehicle to guarantee a safe drive. Make sure that the tires have the right pressure and be attentive of any indicators that appear on your dashboard.

## **Emergency Kit**

Make sure to have a basic emergency kit available in your vehicle at all times. This kit should include items, such as water, extra batteries, rope, a first aid kit, matches and a whistle. During the winter months, it is also important to carry items such as blankets, non-perishable foods, extra gloves and socks and a snow shovel.

## Winter Driving

One of the most dangerous times to drive in Utah is during the winter. Consider these tips below to drive safely during the winter.





#### Don't Rush!

Roads are often covered in snow and ice after it snows. Instead of driving fast and risking an accident as you hurry to get to your destination, try leaving a few minutes earlier than usual. This will allow you to drive slower and avoid other dangerous drivers without being late for your appointment. Check traffic reports prior to leaving so that you can time your travel accordingly.



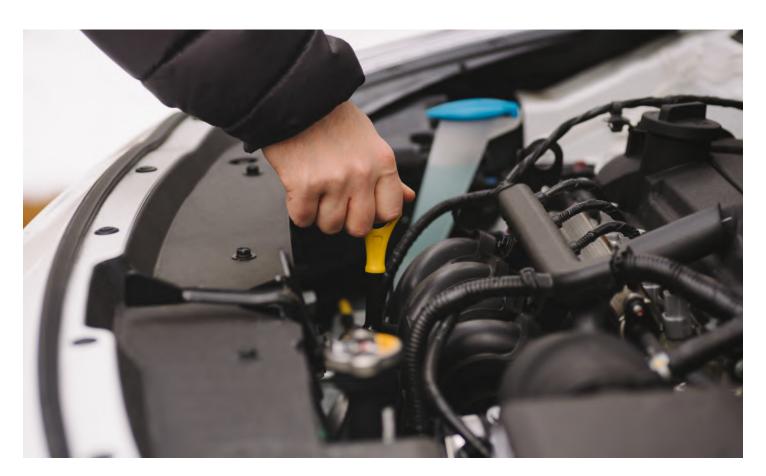
### Don't Panic if You Skid or Slip

In the event that your vehicle does skid or slip while driving, make sure not to slam down on your brakes. Instead, apply slow and even pressure on your brakes until you stop. This will prevent you from spinning further out of control.



#### **Check Your Vehicle**

Before you leave your house make sure your vehicle's controls, brakes, tank, tires, antifreeze and exhaust are all in working order. It is also important that you remove any ice and snow from your car before you begin driving; this prevents the snow from blocking your view while you drive or hitting someone while in motion.

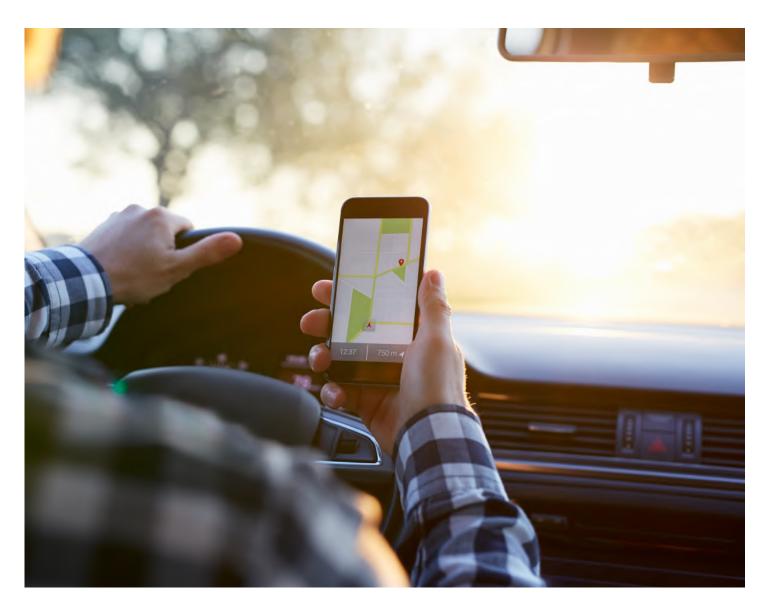


## **Drinking and Driving**

Every year thousands of individuals are killed as a result of drinking and driving. You can help prevent this by planning ahead.

Before you begin drinking, arrange for someone else to be the designated driver. If they also become intoxicated, it is important that you find alternative transportation. Never allow an intoxicated individual to drive. Instead, take away that person's keys and call for alternative transportation.

Be aware of drivers who demonstrate signs of drunk driving, such as making wide turns, weaving, swerving, breaking erratically or turning abruptly. Take note of the vehicle's license plate number, and when it is safe to use your phone, call 911 to report the driver. Also make sure to avoid these drivers on the road to ensure your own safety. This could mean pulling over until you are at a safe distance from the intoxicated driver or finding an alternate route.



## **Using Your Phone**

Driving while using your cell phone is one of the most dangerous things you can do. During those few seconds that your attention is diverted to your phone, a major accident could occur. Make sure not to text, browse the internet or make or receive calls while you drive to prevent accidents.

## Things to Avoid

There are several things you should avoid in order to ensure that you have a safe and productive driving experience. By taking some simple precautions, you can help maintain or even improve the flow of traffic and the experience of everyone on the road. Some precautions can even help save you money.

#### **Car Accidents**

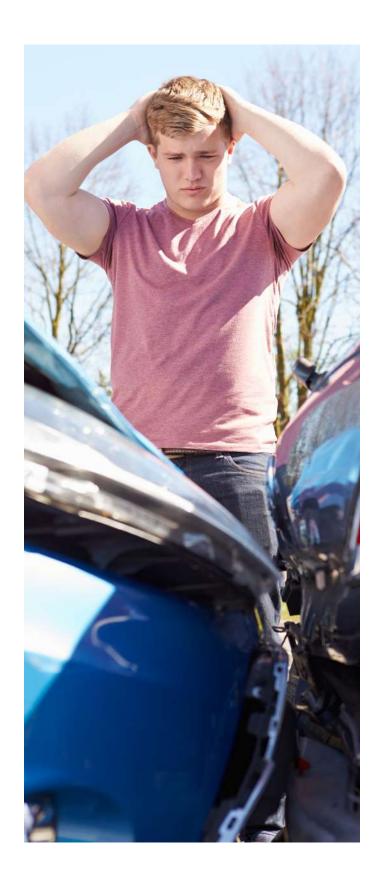
One way to avoid car accidents is to ensure that your vehicle is safe to drive and will not cause you any problems. To do this, regularly check that your brakes are functioning properly, your tires are inflated and not worn out and that the steering and suspensions are checked by a mechanic.

#### **Wasting Gas**

If you drive often, start looking for ways to save on those expensive trips to the pump. Some of the ways that you can start saving money on gas include turning off the air conditioning and not leaving your engine running when your car is not in use. Another way to save on gas is to make sure that your vehicle is functioning properly. You can do this by checking that your tires are properly inflated, your engine is well tuned and your octane level is at the correct amount.

#### **Aggressive Driving**

Aggressive driving should be avoided to prevent on road aggression or accidents. Aggressive driving includes behaviors like aggressive tailgating, verbally or physically harassing another driver or preventing another driver from merging or passing. If you are an aggressive driver, you are putting others at risk every time you do any of these behaviors.



## DLD

# **Hours and Locations**

The Driver License Division has offices conveniently located across Utah. Click **here** to find your nearest DLD office locations.

Have you ever visited the DLD and realized that you forgot a document? Now you can avoid that and save the trip by using the online services. You will be able to:



Renew Your License



Renew Your State ID



Change Your Address

If you have any questions, you can call the DLD at 1-801-965-4437 Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

