

# STATE ID CARDS AND DRIVER'S LICENSE

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

- INTERNATIONAL DRIVER'S LICENSES may be used for up to **90 days**. After 90 days in the US, if you plan on driving you must obtain a Colorado Driver's License.
- CANADIAN, GERMAN, AND FRENCH AND SOUTH KOREA Driver's Licenses as well as all US state licenses are honored in Colorado and do not require a written test – driving test required.
- To Obtain a Colorado Driver's License or state issued ID:
  1. Visit the Colorado Department of Motor Vehicles at **2320 Reservoir Road, Greeley** Phone 970-352-5845
  2. Take your unexpired immigration documents:
    - Passport with visa
    - I-20 or DS-2019 from UNC
    - I-94 Arrival/Departure Record - information found at [www.cbp.gov/I94](http://www.cbp.gov/I94)
    - Proof of Residency – Bill with your name and address or letter with dates
    - If you are on OPT (F-1) or Academic Training (J-1), you must also bring
      - o Employment Authorization Document for OPT (F-1) or your letter of authorization (J-1)

STOP: if all you need is a state ID

CONTINUE: if you are getting a drivers license

3. Study the Driver's Handbook

NOTE: *This is not required for holders of Canadian, French, German or other US State 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](http://www.revenue.state.co.us/mv_dir/home.asp) then click on "**Drivers Handbooks**" and choose "**Colorado Driver Handbook**"
  4. Get Learner's Permit and begin practicing
  5. 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 #2 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 up to 3 years 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 # 2, plnBTC0320003FJEs700035002CJTJETQ02.88 149.8 Tm9 g



# **REGISTERING CARS OR CHANGING LICENSE PLATES**

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