
Each state in the U.S. has different regulations on driver's licenses. Some states, but not all, allow international visitors to use their driver's license from their home country or an international driver's license to drive in the United States. It is important to check with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) before you drive.

Are international driver's licenses accepted in New York?

According to the New York State (NYS) DMV, a valid driver's license from any other country is also valid in NYS. If you have a foreign driver's license, you DO NOT need to get a NYS driver's license. You may want to obtain an international driving permit as well. This permit is NOT a driver's license but it supplements your foreign license. The permit is not required; however, it will assist a police officer who cannot read the language on your foreign driver's license. The permit can only be obtained outside the U.S. so you should contact authorities in your home country regarding the international driving permit.

How do I get a New York driver's license?

If you do not have a foreign driver's license, you will need to obtain a NYS driver's license to drive in the U.S. There are several steps to obtaining your license. You will need to:

- In order for you to obtain your permit you must: apply for a learners permit, pay application fee & driver's license fee, and pass a vision test & written test.
- Practice for your road test.
- Take a driver's education course of DMV-approved pre-licensing course.
- Use your driver's education course certificate to make an appointment for a road test. Appointments are made by phone or online.
- Pass your road test and receive your NYS driver's license.

To get a NYS driver's license, you need to provide six (6) points of documentation to the Motor Vehicle Bureau nearest to you. The chart on the next page will assist you in bringing the correct documentation.

How do I get a NYS identification card?

A NYS Non-Driver Photo Identification Card is a very valuable form of identification. It contains personal identification information such as your photo, signature, US address, and date of birth. Non-driver ID cards are available to anyone, regardless of age, who can provide proof of name and age.

Where is the Motor Vehicle Bureau located?

The closest office to SUNY Broome is:

181 Clinton Street
Binghamton, NY [NYS DMV](http://www.nysdmv.org)

Hours may vary so you should contact the office or visit the website for current hours of operation. For more information, contact the DMV directly at 607-778-2337 or 1-800-225-5368. You may also visit their website at <http://www.gobroomecounty.com/dmv>

REMEMBER

If you purchase a car, you will also need to purchase yearly car insurance. Please research the costs of having a car before making the purchase. It can be expensive.