

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT & SCHOLAR SERVICES

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## Students: How to Get a CT Driver's License or State ID

### Step 1. ISSS Check In

- New students must check in with ISSS online and register for classes before applying for a license or ID. Returning students or dependents of students may go to step 2.

### Step 2. Social Security Application

- Visit the Social Security Administration to apply. If you have a job on campus, you will be issued a Social Security Number (SSN). If you do not work, you will be issued a letter indicating that you are not eligible for SSN. Bring the following to Social Security office:
  - ❖ Passport
  - ❖ I-94 admission printout
  - ❖ Form I-20 or DS-2019
  - ❖ If you have a job, offer letter and letter from ISSS
- ✓ **NOTE:** If you are applying for a CT state ID, go directly to DMV after completing this step to obtain your ID card, bringing the documents listed in "Step 4".

Social Security office locations can be found at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) > Contact > Find an Office

### Step 3. Safe Driving Program course

- Complete a mandatory 8-hour driving course. Be sure to get proof of completion when done. Please note that you can take this course at any point before the road test (Step 5).

Find a list of driving schools that offer the Safe Driving program on the DMV website

### Step 4. Written Test and Adult Learner's Permit

- Schedule an appointment with the Department of Motor Vehicles for a written test and Adult Learner's Permit. You must hold the learner's permit for 90 days before you can move on to the next step (road test).
- If you have a current or previous license from your home country or a previous U.S. license, the 90 day period may be waived. You must provide that license (even if expired) in order to be waived.
- Schedule your appointment online at [www.ct.gov/dmv](http://www.ct.gov/dmv), search term "Adult Learner's Permit"
- Bring the following to your appointment:
  - ❖ Passport
  - ❖ I-94 admission printout
  - ❖ Form I-20 or DS-2019
  - ❖ Social Security Card or Social Security office denial letter (from Step 2)
  - ❖ Certified school transcript (if you don't have a Social Security card)
  - ❖ Two pieces of mail to show proof that you live in CT (mail that was sent to you and stamped)
- ✓ **NOTE:** When you apply for a driver's license or state ID, the DMV must verify your immigration status to complete the application. To do this, they use a program called the SAVE Program. If they cannot initially verify your status they will advise you that your request cannot be completed until status is verified. They should give you a 15 digit verification number that you can use to check the progress of your case online. You can use that number to check your case here <https://www.uscis.gov/save/casecheck> and should wait until the status has been verified to return to the DMV for your learner's permit.

### Step 5. Road Test

- Return to the DMV to take the road test. After you have had the learner's permit for 90 days, you can schedule an appointment to take a road test. You will need to bring a car for the road test. Find a list of documents to bring and information on the test and appointment scheduling here: [www.ct.gov/dmv](http://www.ct.gov/dmv), search term "DMV Road Test"

- **Step 6. Get your license!**

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## Scholars: How to Get a CT Driver's License/CT State ID

### Step 1. ISSS Check In

- New scholars must check in with ISSS online and register for classes before applying for a license or ID. Continuing scholars or dependents of scholars may go to step 2.

### Step 2. Social Security Application

- Visit the Social Security Administration to apply. Many visiting scholars will be issued a Social Security Number (SSN). If you are found to be not eligible, you will be issued a letter indicating that you are not eligible for SSN. Bring the following to Social Security office:

- ❖ Passport
- ❖ I-94 admission printout
- ❖ Form DS-2019

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### Step 3. Safe Driving Program course

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- If you have a current or previous license from your home country or a previous U.S. license, the 90-day wait period may be waived. You must show that license (even if expired) in order to be waived.
- Schedule your appointment online at [www.ct.gov/dmv](http://www.ct.gov/dmv), search term "Adult Learner's Permit"
- Bring the following to your appointment:
  - ❖ Passport
  - ❖ I-94 admission printout
  - ❖ Form DS-2019
  - ❖ Social Security Card or Social Security office denial letter (from Step 2)
  - ❖ Two pieces of mail to show proof that you live in CT (mail that was sent to you and stamped)
  - ❖ If you were issued a Social Security office denial letter, you must bring one additional document to prove your identity. This can be either: 1) A marriage certificate, with English translation) 2) A certified school transcript from a college you attended (even if in another country), with English translation.
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