## **HOW TO GET A LOUISIANA DRIVER’S LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD**

**Division of Motor Vehicles**

TOLL-FREE NUMBER:

1.877.DMV.LINE

Website:

http://omv.dps.state.la.us/

Office Hours are:

8am - 4:00pm Monday-Friday

100 Veterans Blvd.

Metairie, La 70124

504-483-1870

2150 West Bank Expwy

Harvey, La 70058

504-361-6222

State motor vehicle offices have recently started implementing new guidelines for international students and scholars to receive either a driver’s license or an identification card.

Please go to http://www.dps.state.la.us/omv/license.html for the latest requirements.

A new license costs $35.00 cash. You will be required to take a written test, an eye test and an on-the-road driving test. If you feel you need to study for the test, you may download the entire driver’s guide at the Office of Motor Vehicles website:

http://www.dps.state.la.us/omv/driversguide.html

The vehicle that you take the road test in must have valid license plates, a brake tag (inspection sticker), and proof of insurance. It may be a car that you have borrowed from a friend, but you will be required to prove that it has insurance. YOU MAY NOT TAKE THE DRIVING TEST IN A RENTAL CAR. These tests are given at the Office of Motor Vehicles at the addresses above.

Non-immigrants applying for or renewing a driver’s license must have *at least 6 months left* on their I-20, DS-2019, I-94 or other immigration documents.

Non-immigrants who are not eligible to obtain a Social Security Card (F-2s and H-4s) may also get a driver's license. You must first get a letter from the Social Security Administration office, which says that you are ineligible for the Social Security Number.

If you do not intend to drive while in Louisiana, you may wish to obtain a Louisiana ID for identification purposes. You will need to present the same documents as you would for a driver’s license. A Louisiana ID costs $21.00 cash.

ALWAYS carry your driver's license, car registration card and insurance card.

## **Driving Schools**

If you cannot demonstrate a *valid* driver’s license (international, out of country, or out of state), you will be required to take a 6-hour driver’s education course. This is called the *6-hour Pre-Licensing Course.*

The following schools offer both classroom and road instruction:

New Orleans Safe Driving School - 2518 Tulane Ave. - 504. 821.5334

Victor Manning Safety Driving Institute Inc. - 4939 North I-10 Service Road

Ste. 202 Metairie, La 70006 (Behind Target Store in Clearview Mall) - 504-455-2103