FACT SHEET

Know Your Rights! Getting a Driver's License

Things to Take to the DMV

Nebraska requires **ONE** form of identification which includes name and date of birth. Also required are **TWO** forms of address verification. The DMV website has a list of acceptable items: **Identification/Address/SS Verification requirements.**

Bottom line: Take your EAD (work permit), your I-797 (notice of action for your DACA status), your Social Security Card, and the proof of address items. Proof of address items can include a bank statement from the last 90 days, a paystub, a letter from the state or federal government that was sent within the last 90 days, etc. Check the link above for all the examples.

What to Expect

You should be ready to take the written test. You can read the whole manual online and you can take an online practice test. Remember: the written test isn't hard, but you won't pass unless you've prepped for it. Spend time the night before to study, just like you would for a test in school. There is a practice test you can take online: the questions on the online test are identical to the real test, so it will be your best way to study.

Manual: http://www.dmv.nebraska.gov/examining/pdf/engdrivermanual.pdf

Online practice test: http://www.dmv.nebraska.gov/examining/aaa/inter.html

You should expect to take an eye exam and be ready to pay the license fee. We do not yet know for sure the fee, but be prepared to pay at least \$26.50.

Finally, you'll need to take the physical driving test. You will need to have a reliable working vehicle with seatbelts. The instructor will take you on a short test drive and observe you firsthand.

If you pass both of the tests, they'll take your picture and you'll walk out with a license.

Note that in some circumstances, it may take up to 20 days to verify your documents with the federal authorities.



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Special Note for Minors

If you are 16 or 17 years old, you must take a parent or guardian with you. Minors need to EITHER have proof of completing an approved driver safety course OR submit the "50 Hour Certification" form. This form will be signed by your parent, guardian or licensed driver who is at least 21 years old and says that you've driven 50 hours under their supervision and at least 10 of those hours were nighttime practice.

If You Flunk the Test

According to the DMV, about a third of drivers flunk the test—that's why it's so important to study and use the online practice test! You can re-take the test, but they will make you wait at least one day before you can try again. Don't let this happen to you, though: study in advance.

DMV Locations & Hours

You can go to any of the DMV offices. There are four in the Omaha area, and they're all open from 8 am – 4 pm. Visit online list of all testing locations across the state here: <u>http://www.dmv.nebraska.gov/examining/map.html</u>

Voting

Sometimes they offer people the option to register to vote when they're getting a license. Remember you're not eligible to vote unless you are a citizen, so say "no."

Spanish Language

The tests can be taken in Spanish. The driver manual is also in Spanish at the DMV locations, but there is not a Spanish version online.

We Are Here for You

If you have a question or concern about how you are treated, please tell us about it. Reach ACLU of Nebraska at (402) 476-8091 or online at <u>http://www.aclunebraska.org/gethelp</u>

