

Obtaining permission to drive in the State of Texas.

Driving in the U.S. requires a valid U.S. driver's license and sufficient driver's insurance. Insurance requirements vary by state. Your insurance must meet the requirements for the state of Texas. If you own a vehicle, there are additional requirements.

In Texas, driver's licenses are managed by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS).

If you are a holder of a valid foreign driver's license and want to obtain a Texas driver's license, you must take and pass all required tests—vision, driver knowledge, driving and maneuverability. If you have a valid license from your home country and your country's license is recognized as equivalent to a U.S. license, then you may drive up to one year on the out-of-country license.

NOTE: F-1 students whose Optional Practical Training (OPT) Employment Authorization Document (EAD) has expired, but are pending approval of either a 17-Month OPT Extension or H-1B Cap-Gap Relief, will be able to renew their license.

You must be able to prove that you reside in Texas and that you have lived here for at least 30 days. You must prove your residency using two documents that contain your name and residential address. Acceptable documents are listed on the [Texas Department of Public Safety website](#).

Houston:

http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/administration/driver_licensing_control/rolodex/search.asp

The closest office location from TSU is listed below:

**12220 S. Gessner Blvd.
7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday
Office 713-219-4100**

Online Form: <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/internetforms/Forms/DL-14A.pdf>

Online Brochure: <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/internetforms/Forms/DL-57.pdf>

You also may call or email the Texas Department of Public Safety License Issuance Office at 512-424-2600 (English) or 512-424-7181 (Spanish) or by e-mail at license.issuance@txdps.state.tx.us to verify that your license has reciprocity in the U.S.

For information on how to obtain permission to drive in the State of Texas, see the [Texas Department of Public Safety website](#).