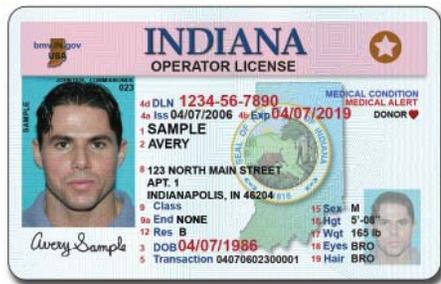


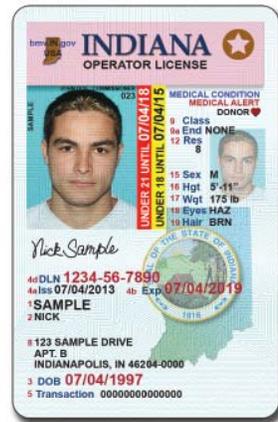
CHAPTER ONE

Obtaining a New Credential

Indiana driver's licenses, learner's permits and identification cards are produced using security features to help prevent identity theft, fraud, card tampering and to improve the detection of underage drinking.



**SecureID driver's license:
Over 21 years of age**



**SecureID driver's license:
Under 21 years of age**

The security features include embedded digital enhancements to ensure security and authenticity. Some information is detectable only with a black light, while other secured data is embedded in a barcode on the back of the card. A vertical format is provided for Hoosiers less than 21 years of age, with the dates the card holder turns age 18 and 21 designated in yellow and red.

A gold star marker appears in the upper right-hand corner to indicate a SecureID credential and reflect compliance with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's requirements as recommended by the 9/11 Commission and federal and state laws.

Driver's licenses are identified with a rose header and a gold State of Indiana seal in the upper left-hand corner. Learner's permits are identified with a purple State of Indiana seal in the upper left-hand corner, while commercial driver's licenses will have a red State of Indiana seal.

Identification cards include all of the same security features as driver's licenses with a green header and a green State of Indiana seal in the upper left-hand corner.

SecureID

SecureID is the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles' (BMV) effort to fully comply with the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission, and state and federal regulations in two ways:



- SecureID is a requirement for anyone applying for a new Indiana driver's license, learner's permit or identification card. To qualify for a SecureID, applicants must prove their identity, lawful status, Social Security number and Indiana legal address
- All permanent driver's licenses, learner's permits or identification cards are mailed from a secure, government-run location to a customer's mailing address following an extensive verification of documents

If you are renewing, amending or replacing your current Indiana driver's license, learner's permit or identification card and wish to upgrade to a SecureID, you are asked to bring original versions or certified copies of certain documents to a license branch.

For a complete list of required documents, visit myBMV.com. If you have questions about collecting your documents, you can call the Indiana BMV toll-free at 888-692-6841 and speak with a customer service representative, or visit any Indiana license branch for help.

Receiving Your Credential by Mail

Your permanent credential will be mailed to you from a government-run, secure location after you apply for a new, renewed, amended or replacement driver's license, learner's permit or identification card. Your credential will arrive at your mailing address within 10 business days. The process used to mail credentials is similar to that used by financial services industry to mail credit and debit cards

Indiana Residency Requirements

You must be a legal resident of Indiana to obtain an Indiana driver's license, learner's permit or identification card. Evidence of residency in Indiana includes:

- Maintaining a legal address in the state of Indiana and not claiming residency in another state
- Being a registered voter in the state of Indiana
- Lawful stewardship of a juvenile that is enrolled in an elementary or secondary school located in Indiana
- Having more than one-half of your gross income derived from sources in Indiana

For the purposes of obtaining a driver's license, learner's permit or identification card, the following persons living in Indiana solely for any of the following reasons and without the intent to make Indiana their permanent home, are not considered to be an Indiana resident:

- Students enrolled at a post-secondary educational institution
- Active duty military personnel in the Armed Forces
- Temporary employees

New Indiana Residents

When you become a resident of Indiana, you have 60 days to obtain a new Indiana driver's license if you hold a valid driver's license from another state.

If you have never held a valid driver's license from another state, you must hold an Indiana learner's permit before you can apply for an Indiana driver's license.

If your out-of-state license has been expired for not more than three years, and you have held an unrevoked out-of-state license for at least one year, you must pass a standard vision screening test and a knowledge test to obtain an Indiana license.

If your out-of-state license has been expired for more than three years, or you have held an unrevoked out-of-state license less than one year, you must pass a standard vision screening test, knowledge test and a driving skills test to obtain an Indiana license.

Identification Cards

Identification cards may be issued to an Indiana resident of any age who does not have a driver's license. Indiana residents cannot hold both an identification card and a driver's license at the same time, even if one of the credentials was issued by another state.

Identification cards may also provide privileges to operate a Motor Driven Cycle – Class B (MDC – Class B) as long as the card holder is at least 15 years of age and passes an MDC – Class B knowledge test. If successful, an MDC – Class B endorsement will be placed on the identification card to signify your operational authority.

To apply for an identification card, you must visit a license branch and present documents described in **Appendix A** proving your identity, lawful status, Social Security number and Indiana legal address.

Identification Card Validity

- An identification card is valid for six years
- Identification cards issued to lawful temporary residents may not reflect standard periods of validity

Driver's Licenses

Driver's licenses provide unrestricted driving privileges to Indiana residents who are 21 years of age or older. Probationary driver's licenses provide restricted driving privileges to Indiana residents who are younger than 21 years of age.

An Indiana operator's license does not allow the holder to drive for hire, transport passengers for hire or transport property for hire in any vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 16,000 pounds or more. For more details on commercial vehicle operation, see the section on Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDL) or the CDL Manual.

You may apply for a driver's license at any license branch. To obtain a driver's license, you must meet the following requirements:

- Meet driver's license age requirements described later in this chapter
- Hold a valid Indiana learner's permit for a period of time described later in this chapter, unless you are currently licensed by another jurisdiction
- Present documents described in **Appendix A** proving your identity, lawful status, Social Security number and Indiana legal address
- Pass a standard vision screening test
- Pass a knowledge test
- Pass a driving skills test with a BMV examiner, unless you qualify for a waiver

Driver's License Age Requirements

In order to apply for an Indiana driver's license:

- You must hold a valid (not expired, suspended, revoked or invalidated) Indiana learner's permit for at least 180 days to obtain a driver's license
- You must be at least 16 years and 90 days old to obtain a driver's license with completion of a BMV-approved driver education program
- You must be at least 16 years and 270 days old to obtain a driver's license without completion of BMV-approved driver education program

- Additionally, if you have completed driver rehabilitation training provided by a certified driver rehabilitation specialist recognized by the bureau, and you have a documented disability and are at least 18 years of age, you may apply for a driver's license

If you are applying for a driver's license and are under the age of 18 years, you must complete at least 50 hours of supervised driving practice with:

- A licensed driver, with valid (not expired, suspended, revoked or invalidated) driving privileges, who is at least 25 years of age and related to you by blood, marriage or legal status
- Your spouse, with valid driving privileges, who is at least 21 years of age
- An individual with valid driving privileges who is licensed as a driver education instructor and is working under the direction of a driver training school
- An individual certified as a driver rehabilitation specialist recognized by the BMV and is employed through a driver rehabilitation program

If you are applying for a driver's license and you are at least 18 years of age, you must complete at least 50 hours of supervised driving practice with:

- A licensed driver, with valid (not expired, suspended, revoked or invalidated) driving privileges, who is at least 25 years of age
- Your spouse, with valid driving privileges, who is at least 21 years of age

In both cases, at least 10 hours of supervised driving practice must be completed at night. At the time of application for a driver's license, you must submit a completed BMV-approved Log of Supervised Driving Practice showing proof of the hours driven. Multiple logs must be used, if necessary, to log the required practice driving. The log must be signed by a parent or legal guardian if the applicant is under 18 years of age.

Driver Education Waiver for Skills Test

If you have a learner's permit and attend a BMV-approved driver education school that participates in the BMV's waiver program, you may take the driving skills test with the school after successful completion of the course which includes 30 hours of classroom training and six hours of behind the wheel training. You may find a list of approved driver education schools online at myBMV.com.

You must take the driving skills test at a license branch if any of the following situations occur:

- Your learner's permit expires
- You receive a failing grade of 79 percent or below in either classroom or behind-the-wheel training at your driver education school
- Your driver education school does not participate in the BMV's waiver program for driving skills

The period of time you hold a valid (not expired, suspended, revoked or invalidated) Indiana learner's permit will count toward the required 180-day holding period.

Driver's License Validity – Operator's License

An operator's license is valid for:

- Six years if you are younger than 75 years of age
- Three years if you are at least 75 to younger than 85 years of age
- Two years if you are at least 85 years of age

Credentials may not reflect the standard periods of validity for the following:

- Lawful temporary residents
- Renewals for operator's licenses that expired in 2012

Learner's Permits

A learner's permit allows an Indiana resident to practice driving before applying for their driver's licenses. You may apply for a learner's permit at any license branch.

If you are 16 years of age or older, you must meet the following requirements to obtain a learner's permit:

- Present documents described in **Appendix A** proving your identity, lawful status, Social Security number and Indiana legal address
- Pass a standard vision screening test
- Pass a knowledge test

If you are younger than 16 years of age, you must meet the following requirements to obtain a learner's permit:

- You must be at least 15 years of age and show proof of your enrollment in a BMV-approved driver education program by presenting the Certificate of Driver Education Enrollment form from the school dated no earlier than three weeks prior to the start of class. The online course certificate of completion is not an acceptable document
- Present documents described in **Appendix A** proving your identity, lawful status, Social Security number and Indiana legal address
- Pass a standard vision screening test
- Pass a knowledge test

Learner's Permit Driving Privileges

If you obtain a learner's permit when you are younger than 16 years of age, you may practice driving only after you begin a BMV-approved driver education program.

If you have a learner's permit for driver education, you may drive only when you are accompanied by a licensed driving instructor or a certified driver rehabilitation specialist recognized by the BMV and who is employed through a driver rehabilitation program.

- The instructor or rehabilitation specialist must be seated in the vehicle's front passenger seat.
- You may also practice driving with a licensed driver that has valid (not expired, suspended, revoked or invalidated) driving privileges and is 25 years of age or older. These latter individuals must be related to the permit holder by blood, marriage or legal status, or they must be a spouse with valid (not expired, suspended, revoked or invalidated) driving privileges 21 years of age and older. These individuals must also be seated in your vehicle's front passenger seat.

If you are between the ages of 16 years and 18 years and you are not enrolled in a driver education program:

- You may practice driving with a licensed driver that has valid (not expired, suspended, revoked or invalidated) driving privileges and is 25 years of age or older. These licensed drivers must be related to the permit holder by blood, marriage or legal status, or they must be a spouse with valid (not expired, suspended, revoked or invalidated) driving privileges 21 years of age and older. These individuals must be seated in your vehicle's front passenger seat.

- You may also practice driving with a learner's permit, if accompanied by an individual licensed as a driver education instructor that is working under the direction of a driver training school, or a certified driver rehabilitation specialist recognized by the BMV who is employed through a driver rehabilitation program. These individuals must also be seated in your vehicle's front passenger seat.

If you are 18 years of age or older, you may practice driving with a learner's permit only when accompanied by a licensed driver with valid (not expired, suspended, revoked or invalidated) driving privileges who is at least 25 years of age, or with your spouse provided he or she is licensed and at least 21 years of age or older.

Learner's Permit Validity

- Learner's permits are valid for two years from the date of issuance
- Learner's permits issued to lawful temporary residents may not reflect standard periods of validity
- If you are visiting a license branch to renew your learner's permit, and it has been more than 180 days since your last passed knowledge test, you will need to retest

Probationary Driver's Licenses

If you are younger than 21 years of age when you obtain a driver's license, your license is considered probationary until you turn 21 years of age.

Probationary Driver's License Validity

Your probationary license is valid until you are 21 years and 30 days of age.

Driving with Passengers

You may not drive with any passengers for 180 days after you obtain your probationary driver's license unless one of the following individuals is seated in your vehicle's front passenger seat:

- A licensed individual with valid (not expired, suspended, revoked or invalidated) driving privileges who is 25 years of age or older

- Your spouse with valid (not expired, suspended, revoked or invalidated) driving privileges who is 21 years of age or older
- A certified driver education instructor

However, during the 180 days after you get your probationary driver's license, you may drive with your child, stepchild, sibling, step or half sibling or spouse during the hours allowed by law without another accompanying individual.

Seat Belts

If you have a probationary driver's license, every passenger in the vehicle that you are driving must wear a seat belt, or if the passenger is a child under eight years of age, he or she must be restrained in a properly fastened child restraint system.

When You May Drive with a Probationary Driver's License

For 180 days after obtaining your probationary driver's license, you may not drive between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

After you have held the probationary license for 180 days, you may not drive during the following hours:

- Sunday through Thursday after 11 p.m.
- Monday through Friday before 5 a.m.
- Saturday and Sunday between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m.

You may, however, drive during the periods described if you are participating in, going to, or returning from:

- Lawful employment
- A school sanctioned activity
- A religious event

OR

- If you are accompanied by an individual with valid (not expired, suspended, revoked or invalidated) driving privileges who is at least 25 years of age, or your spouse with valid (not expired, suspended, revoked or invalidated) driving privileges who is at least 21 years of age

Telecommunication Devices

If you have a probationary driver's license, you may not operate a motor vehicle while using a telecommunications device, such as a cell phone, unless the device is being used to make a 911 emergency call.

Dropping Out, Being Suspended or Being Expelled from School

Indiana law requires the BMV to suspend the driving privileges of any juvenile upon notification from the juvenile's principal or truancy administrator that for any of the following reasons:

- The juvenile is under an expulsion, exclusion, or second or subsequent suspension from school during one school year; or
- The juvenile has been determined to be a habitual truant
- The juvenile has withdrawn from school

Liability for Injury or Damage

An applicant for a learner's permit or driver's license that is less than 18 years of age must have one of the following adults sign a sworn or affirmed statement of financial liability in person at a license branch. The lawful (IC 9-24-9-3) order of preference is:

1. The parent having custody of the minor applicant or a designee of the custodial parent specified by the custodial parent
2. The noncustodial parent (as defined in IC 31-9-2-83) of the minor applicant or a designee of the noncustodial parent specified by the noncustodial parent
3. The guardian having custody of the minor applicant
4. In the absence of a person described in one (1) through three (3), any other adult who is willing to assume the obligations imposed by the provisions of this chapter (IC 9-24-9)

An adult who swears or affirms financial liability for a minor applicant agrees to be responsible jointly and severally with the minor applicant for all liability that arises from damages as a result of operating a motor vehicle. If at any time, and for any reason, the adult financial liability co-signer wishes to withdraw financial liability for the minor, the adult can file a written request to the BMV and that documentation will cancel the minor's license/permit [IC 9-24-9-4(b)].

Knowledge Test

The operator's knowledge test is a multiple choice exam based on information contained in this driver's manual. Passing the operator's knowledge test is but one step in the process of obtaining driving privileges in Indiana. To pass the knowledge test, you must demonstrate a basic understanding of Indiana traffic laws and safe driving techniques, and you must be able to read and understand regulatory, warning and traffic signs and signals.

The operator's knowledge test is required for the following individuals:

- Learner's permit applicants
- First-time chauffeur's license applicants
- First-time public passenger chauffeur's license applicants
- Drivers younger than 21 years of age renewing a valid (not suspended, revoked or invalidated) driver's license who have active points on their driving record
- New Indiana residents who hold an out-of-state license of any type and are applying for an Indiana driver's license or learner's permit
- New Indiana resident who holds an out-of-country license
- Drivers whose Indiana driver's license has been expired for more than 180 days
- Drivers who have six or more active points on their Indiana driving record and are renewing
- Active duty military personnel and the spouse and/or dependent, if applicable, whose Indiana driver's license has been expired for more than 180 days and who have returned from deployment for more than 90 days prior to the renewal
- Out-of-state active military personnel applying for a new Indiana driver's license

First-time chauffeur's, public passenger chauffeur's and CDL applicants must also pass their respective knowledge tests.

If you fail to pass a knowledge test, you must wait until the next business day to take the test again.

Driving Skills Test

To schedule an appointment for a driving skills test visit myBMV.com or call the BMV Contact Center at 888-692-6841. A driving skills test may be scheduled no more than 14 days in advance and no less than 48 business hours ahead of time; however, you may be able to schedule an appointment sooner by visiting a license branch. You must provide your own vehicle for the driving skills test. There is no charge for the driving skills test administered by the BMV.

A driving skills test given by a BMV examiner is required for the following:

- Drivers with an Indiana learner's permit, unless that driver has successfully completed a BMV-approved driver education program and has a skills test waiver
- New Indiana residents who hold an unrevoked, expired out-of-state driver's license for less than one year or whose out-of-state driver's license has been expired for more than three years
- New Indiana resident who holds an out-of-country license
- Indiana residents whose Indiana driver's license has been expired for more than three years
- Drivers who have a BMV restriction that requires testing
- Drivers who have a medical complaint on file with the BMV and the BMV has determined that a driving skills evaluation is needed
 - When the BMV's medical board has recommended a skills evaluation, the BMV may require the driver to complete a driving skills test
- Active duty military personnel and the spouse and/or dependent, if applicable, whose Indiana driver's license has been expired for more than three years and who have been returned from deployment for more than 90 days prior to the renewal
- Discharged military personnel who hold an out-of-state license, and the expiration of the license is beyond the 90 day extension, and the out-of-state license has been expired for more than three years

No one besides the BMV examiner and/or their supervisor is allowed in your vehicle when you take the driving skills test.

Your vehicle must be legally equipped and be in safe and clean condition. You must provide the vehicle's current registration before taking the driving skills test.

It shall be within the discretion of the BMV examiner to reject a vehicle for the driving skills test.

The BMV examiner will ask a few required questions before you begin your driving skills test. His or her job is to administer a fair and objective test based on what he or she observes, not to provide instruction. The BMV examiner will use a standardized form to evaluate your ability to operate a motor vehicle safely.

When taking the driving skills test, you must pay particular attention to the following situations:

- Driving in the proper lane by obeying the lane markings, looking carefully and signaling properly before changing lanes
- Allowing enough distance between your vehicle and the vehicle ahead
- Reacting appropriately to being overtaken and passed by another vehicle by maintaining your speed and providing enough room to pass
- Controlling your speed according to posted speed limits and varying traffic conditions
- Observing good defensive driving habits
- Listening to instructions and observing general traffic flow
- Approaching an intersection at the proper speed, looking for other vehicles and coming to a complete stop when required
- Reversing skills and backing correctly out of a parking space
- Parallel parking ability

When taking the driving skills test, the following actions could affect your final score or cause you to fail the driving skills test:

- Failing to use defroster or wipers when needed
- Failing to use both hands on the wheel
- Selecting the wrong gear
- Failing to signal
- Driving too slowly or stopping unnecessarily
- Overrunning a crosswalk, stop line or stop sign
- Failing to turn into or from the correct lane
- Failing to check your blind spot
- Slowing speed when changing lanes

- Reversing too fast
- Leaving your turn signal on after completed lane change
- Driving too closely to the vehicle ahead or to a parked vehicle

Any of the following actions shall result in the automatic failure of the driving skills test:

- Disobeying a yield, stop, school zone or no turn on red sign
- Disobeying traffic signal
- Backing over curb while parallel parking
- Driving into parked vehicle while parallel parking
- Failure to follow instructions
- Failure to use a seat belt
- Failure to react to hazardous driving conditions
- Speeding
- Driving too fast for conditions
- Turning into or using the wrong lane
- Passing in a no passing zone or otherwise crossing a solid yellow line
- Driving left of center of street
- Straddling marked lanes
- Driving too close to pedestrians or bicycles
- Failure to pull over and stop for emergency vehicles or school buses
- Causing an accident during driving skills test
- Failure to yield right of way
- Failure to obey required laws concerning RR crossings

It shall be within the discretion of the BMV examiner to continue after a driver has failed the driving skills test.

If you fail a driving skills test, you must wait 14 days before you can retake the test. Upon failure of a third driving skills test while holding a learner's permit, you must wait for two months from the date of the last failed driving skills test before taking the test again.

Vision Screening Test

All Indiana driver's license or learner's permit applicants are required to pass a vision screening test, even if the applicant is renewing an existing license or permit, unless the applicant is eligible for online renewal.

If you normally wear glasses or contacts while driving, you should inform the license branch personnel and wear them during the vision screening test. If your visual ability does not meet state standards, you will be referred to an eye doctor of your choice for an examination. If you return to the license branch with a statement from eye doctor affirming that your vision has been corrected to meet the state standard, you may continue the credential licensing process, which will include a vision screening test at the license branch.

Restrictions may be placed on a driver's license for a variety of reasons. These restrictions allow a driver to operate a vehicle under specific conditions that ensure safety to the driver and to the public.

The most common restrictions are the result of vision screening tests. They appear in the lower left-hand corner of the driver's license. Learner's permits are described on the back of the credential.

Some of the common restrictions placed on driver's licenses and learner's permits due to vision include:

- **Restriction B:** Glasses or contact lenses required when driving
- **Restriction F:** Outside rearview mirrors required when driving
- **Restriction G:** Daylight driving only

Restrictions for Drivers Who Read Without Glasses

- Both eyes are 20/20 to 20/40: **No restrictions**
- One eye is 20/20 to 20/40 and other eye is 20/50 to blind: **Restriction F**

Restrictions for Drivers Who Read With Glasses

- One eye is 20/20 to 20/40 and the other eye is 20/50 to blind: **Restrictions B and F**
- Both eyes are 20/50: **Restriction B**
- One eye is 20/50 and the other eye is 20/70 to blind: **Restrictions B, F and G**
- Both eyes are 20/70: **Restrictions B, F and G**

Other Driver's License, Learner's Permits or ID Restrictions and Endorsements

Other credential endorsements and restrictions include:

Base License Restrictions

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| A–Motor Driven Cycle – Class A Only | S- M/C with Side Car Only |
| B–Glasses or Contact Lenses | 2–HTV Conditional |
| C–Mechanical Aid or Adaptive Device | 3–Photo Exempt |
| D–Prosthetic Aid | 5–Conditional–Operate Under Specific Conditions |
| F–Outside Rearview Mirror | 6–Interlock Device |
| G–Daylight Driving Only | 7–Seat Belt Exempt |
| H–M/C Three Wheel Bike Only | 8–Medical Condition |
| J–Specific Limitations | 9–Lawful Temporary Resident |

Base License Endorsement

- L–Motorcycle

ID Endorsements

- B–Motor Driven Cycle – Class B

ID Restrictions

- 7 – Seat Belt Exempt

CDL Only Endorsements and Restrictions

Please refer to the CDL Manual on myBMV.com for CDL endorsements and restrictions.

Chauffeur's Licenses

An Indiana chauffeur's license grants the holder all the privileges of an operator's license. However, in addition to the privileges of the base driver's license, the holder of a chauffeur's license is permitted to operate a motor vehicle having a gross vehicle weight rating up to 26,000 pounds (whether single vehicle or combined gross vehicle weight) when used to transport property for hire. To operate a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more, you must have a commercial driver's license (CDL), which is covered later in this chapter.

The holder of a chauffeur's license may also operate a private bus that transports passengers for religious, fraternal, charitable or other benevolent organizations, youth associations or institutions of higher education. To transport passengers for hire, you must have a public passenger chauffeur's (PPC) license, which is covered later in this chapter.

Obtaining a Chauffeur's License

Chauffeur's licenses may be issued to Indiana residents who are at least 18 years of age and have held a valid (not suspended, revoked or invalidated) driver's license for at least one year.

You may apply for a chauffeur's license at any license branch. To obtain a chauffeur's license, you must meet the following requirements:

- Present your driver's license
- Present documents described in **Appendix A** proving your identity, lawful status, Social Security number and Indiana legal address
- Pass a standard vision screening test
- Pass a chauffeur's knowledge test

Public Passenger Chauffeur's Licenses

An Indiana PPC license grants the holder all of the privileges of an operator's and chauffeur's license. In addition, the holder of a public passenger chauffeur's license is permitted to transport passengers for hire as long as the vehicle he or she is operating is designed to transport 15 passengers or less, including the driver. The holder may also operate a motor vehicle having a gross vehicle weight rating up to 26,000 pounds (whether single vehicle or combined gross vehicle weight) when used to transport property for hire.

To transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver, or a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more, an individual must have a commercial driver's license, which is covered later.

Obtaining a Public Passenger Chauffeur's License

Public passenger chauffeur's licenses may be issued to Indiana residents who are at least 18 years old and have held a valid driver's license for at least two years.

You may apply for a public passenger chauffeur's license at any license branch. To obtain a public passenger chauffeur's license, you must meet the following requirements:

- Submit an original Medical Certification – State Form 3337, completed by a physician that is licensed to practice in Indiana no more than 30 days before applying for your public passenger chauffeur's license, or a valid Medical Examination Report for Commercial Driver Fitness Determination form and Medical Examiner's Certificate
- Present your driver's license
- Present documents described in **Appendix A** proving your identity, lawful status, Social Security number and Indiana legal address

- Pass a standard vision screening test
- Pass a public passenger chauffeur's knowledge test

Some municipalities may have additional requirements.

Chauffeur's/Public Passenger Chauffeur's License Validity

A chauffeur's license is valid for six years if you are younger than 75 years of age when you obtain the license; three years if you are at least 75 to younger than 85 years of age when you obtain the license; or two years if you are at least 85 years of age when you obtain the license.

A public passenger chauffeur's license is valid for four years if you are younger than 75 years of age when you obtain the license or for two years if you are at least 75 years of age.

Chauffeur's and public passenger chauffeur's license may not reflect the standard periods of validity for lawful temporary residents.

Commercial Driver's License

An Indiana commercial driver's license (CDL) permits the holder to operate commercial motor vehicles or combination of vehicles, such as semi-tractor trailers, with declared gross vehicle weight ratings in excess of 26,000 pounds; vehicles designed or used to transport 16 or more people, including the driver; and vehicles used to transport hazardous materials provided they have the appropriate endorsement on their license.

The requirements for the CDL are stricter than those for any other Indiana driver's license, and are based upon stringent Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Regulations.

To obtain a CDL, you must meet the following requirements:

- Be a citizen of the United States or a Permanent Resident with a valid I-551 card required. (A CLP or CDL is not available to lawful temporary residents.)
- Hold a valid (not expired, suspended, revoked or invalidated) Indiana driver's license
- Hold a valid (not expired, suspended, revoked or invalidated) commercial learner's permit (CLP)
- Have at least one year of driving experience as a licensed driver
- Present documents described in **Appendix A** proving your identity, lawful status, Social Security number and Indiana legal address
- Pass a knowledge test(s) representative of the type of CDL endorsement(s) that you will receive

- Pass a driving skills test in a vehicle representative of the class of CDL that you will receive
- Have a valid Medical Examination Report for Commercial Driver Fitness Determination form and Medical Examiner's Certificate completed by a medical examiner listed on the FMCSA National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners on file with the BMV

The skills test consisting of a pre-trip inspection, a basic control skills test, and the road trip skills test must be taken at an approved skills test site. CDL skills tests are valid for 180 days.

To keep your CLP or CDL valid, you must submit a Medical Examination Report for Commercial Driver Fitness Determination and Medical Examiner's Certificate completed by a medical examiner listed on the FMCSA National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners prior to the expiration date of the current medical examiner's report and certificate after receiving your CLP or CDL.

To obtain the hazardous materials endorsement for a CDL, you must have a Transportation Security Administration (TSA) security threat assessment approval for the term of the CDL. A hazardous materials endorsement will not be added to a CLP.

CDL Manuals are available at myBMV.com or at any license branch.

Obtaining a Commercial Learner's Permit

You must be at least 18 years of age to apply for a CLP or CDL. Drivers under 21 years of age are required to only operate in an intrastate capacity (stay within the boundaries of Indiana) and are not qualified to apply for the passenger, school bus or hazardous materials endorsements.

You must hold a valid (not expired, suspended, revoked or invalidated) Indiana operator's license, chauffeur's license or public passenger chauffeur's license, and have at least one year of driving experience as a licensed driver.

To obtain a CLP, you need to pass the appropriate knowledge test(s) for the type of commercial motor vehicle that you plan to operate.

Types of vehicles include:

- All commercial drivers: General knowledge test
- All school bus drivers: School bus test and passenger transport test, if applicable
- All bus drivers: Passenger transport test
- Vehicle with air brakes: Air brakes test
- Combination of vehicles: Combination vehicle test
- Drivers transporting hazardous materials: Hazardous material test

- Drivers required to transport liquids in bulk: Tanker test
- Drivers required to pull double or triple trailers: Doubles/triples test

When you pass the knowledge test(s) for a CLP, the results are valid for 180 days. You may receive only three CLP's in any 24-month period.

Commercial Driver's License Validity

A CLP is valid for 180 days. A CDL is valid for four years.

Motorcycle Learner's Permit

A motorcycle learner's permit allows Indiana residents who hold a valid Indiana driver's license to practice riding a motorcycle or Motor Driven Cycle – Class A (MDC – Class A) before applying for a motorcycle endorsement.

You may apply for a motorcycle learner's permit at any license branch. You must meet the following requirements to obtain a motorcycle learner's permit:

- Hold a valid Indiana driver's license
- Pass a standard vision screening test
- Pass a knowledge test based on the Motorcycle Operator's Manual

Motorcycle Learner's Permit Driving Privileges

If you hold a motorcycle learner's permit and choose to operate a motorcycle or MDC– Class A, you must wear a helmet when you operate the vehicle and only ride during daylight hours without any passengers.

Motorcycle Learner's Permit Validity

A motorcycle learner's permit is valid for one year from the date of issuance. A motorcycle learner's permit may be renewed one time for a period of one year. If you do not obtain a motorcycle endorsement before the expiration of the renewed permit, you must wait one year to reapply for a new motorcycle learner's permit, or successfully complete a motorcycle operator safety education course.

Motor Driven Cycle (MDC)

There are two classes of Motor Driven Cycles (MDC): Class A and Class B

MDC – Class A Vehicle and Operation Description

Indiana law defines a vehicle as an MDC – Class A if:

- It has a seat or saddle for the use of the rider
- It is designed to travel on no more than three wheels on the ground
- It complies with applicable motor vehicle equipment requirements
- It is registered as an MDC – Class A

To operate an MDC – Class A on Indiana roads, you must carry a valid driver's license with a motorcycle learner's permit, or a valid driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement or a motorcycle endorsement with an MDC – Class A restriction. The following operating restrictions also apply:

- Must wear a helmet if under 18 years of age
- Must operate in a position astride (leg on each side of) the seat
- Passengers may ride with proper passenger seat
- Must have headlamps illuminated while operating
- Cannot carry package in hand
- Must operate near right-hand edge of roadway unless passing another vehicle or preparing for a left turn
- Must not operate on an interstate highway or sidewalk

MDC – Class B Vehicle and Operation Description

Indiana law defines a vehicle as an MDC – Class B if:

- It has a seat or saddle for the use of the rider
- It is designed to travel on no more than three wheels on the ground
- It complies with applicable motor vehicle equipment requirements
- It has cylinder capacity not exceeding 50 cubic centimeters
- It is registered as an MDC – Class B

You may apply for an MDC – Class B endorsement on your identification card if you successfully complete the MDC – Class B knowledge test. The MDC – Class B endorsement will be added to your identification card. You do not need a MDC – Class B endorsement if you hold a valid (not expired, suspended, revoked or invalidated) Indiana driver's license.

The following restrictions apply to the operation of an MDC – Class B:

- Must be at least 15 years of age
- Must wear a helmet if under 18 years of age
- Must operate in a position astride (legs on each side of) the seat
- Must have headlamps illuminated while operating
- Cannot carry package in hand
- Must operate near right-hand edge of roadway unless passing another vehicle or preparing for a left turn
- Must operate at no more than 35 miles per hour
- Must not carry passengers
- Must not operate on an interstate highway or sidewalk

Motorcycle Endorsement

If you already have a valid Indiana driver's license, you may add a motorcycle endorsement to your license authorizing you to operate a motorcycle, MDC – Class A or MDC – Class B.

Motorcycle Operator Safety Education Courses

The Indiana Motorcyclist Safety Program (IMCSP) is the preferred provider of the BMV. They offer the Basic RiderCourse for beginner motorcyclists, a Basic RiderCourse 2, and the Advanced RiderCourse for riders who want to improve their skills. Visit the IMCSP website at IMCSP.org for locations and more information on the courses and curriculum. The BMV will waive the motorcycle knowledge and skills tests for individuals who successfully complete an IMCSP course.

The BMV will also accept waivers for the motorcycle knowledge and riding skills tests for individuals who successfully complete a safety course administered by the following recognized independent providers:

- ABATE of Indiana
- Harley Davidson
 - Calumet
 - Southside Indy
 - Bloomington

Motorcycle Skills Test

The motorcycle skills test is administered through the IMCSP. Visit IMCSP.org for information about testing locations, schedules, clarifications, training, policies and procedures.

While tests will not be performed in hazardous weather, examiners have experience conducting training in less-than-perfect weather.

If an applicant has ridden to the testing site in the rain and will be forced to ride home in the rain, he or she will not be denied the opportunity to take the skills test as long as the environment is safe.

If you fail three motorcycle skills tests while holding a motorcycle learner's permit, you must wait two months from the date of the last failed skills test before taking another motorcycle skills test.

Adding a Motorcycle Endorsement to a Driver's License

A motorcycle endorsement may be issued to Indiana residents who are at least 16 years and 180 days of age and hold a valid Indiana driver's license.

You may apply for a motorcycle endorsement at any license branch. To add a motorcycle endorsement to your Indiana driver's license, you must meet the following requirements:

- Pass a standard vision screening test (only required for new or renewal driver's licenses)
- Pass a motorcycle knowledge test
- Pass a motorcycle skills test given by a certified motorcycle skills test examiner, or successfully complete a motorcycle operator safety education course recognized by the BMV

The motorcycle operator safety education course completion form is valid for one year and must be presented to waive the skills test when applying for your motorcycle endorsement.

If you do not currently hold a valid motorcycle learner's permit, the motorcycle knowledge test may be waived for the motorcycle endorsement in the event that you have successfully completed a motorcycle operator safety education course approved by the BMV.

If you have a current motorcycle endorsement issued by another state, you must obtain an Indiana driver's license in order to transfer your out-of-state motorcycle endorsement. You will also need to pass a motorcycle knowledge test.

If you do not have a current motorcycle endorsement issued by another state, and you do not wish to participate in a motorcycle operator safety education course, you must meet the following requirements:

- Pass a standard vision screening test
- Pass a motorcycle knowledge test
- Obtain a motorcycle learner's permit
- Pass a motorcycle skills test given by a certified motorcycle skills test examiner

Motorcycle Endorsement Validity

A motorcycle endorsement is valid for the same period as your driver's license.

Motorboats

Operating a Motorboat

Indiana law requires the operator of a motorboat with an engine of more than 10 horsepower to carry a valid driver's license.

Individuals who are 15 years of age or older and do not have a driver's license may operate a motorboat only after they successfully complete a boater education course approved by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. They must have an Indiana identification card on board. Contact the Indiana Department of Natural Resources for more information about boater education courses.

Individuals younger than 15 years of age may not operate a motorboat with an engine of more than 10 horsepower or a personal watercraft.

Individuals with a suspended driver's license may not operate a motorboat. If you operate your motorboat recklessly, when intoxicated or break private watercraft laws, you may have points assessed against your driver record.

On Indiana boundary waters, Indiana residents operating a motorboat or private watercraft are required to carry an Indiana driver's license. Residents of other states are not required to carry a driver's license unless they are operating a motorboat or private watercraft in an embayment, river or stream in Indiana.

Autocycles

Operating an Autocycle

Indiana law defines a vehicle as an autocycle if:

- It has a rollcage or roll hoops
- It has safety belts for each occupant
- It has antilock brakes
- It is designed to be controlled with a steering wheel and pedals

You may operate an autocycle on Indiana roadways if you possess a valid (not expired, suspended, revoked or invalidated) Indiana driver's license. A motorcycle learner's permit or motorcycle endorsement is not required.

The following restrictions apply to the operation of an autocycle:

- Must operate in a position on a seat
- Cannot carry package in hand
- May not operate more than one autocycle in a single traffic lane
- Operator and each occupant must wear seatbelt
- May not be used for the purpose of a driving skills test for an operator's license

Organ Donation

If you choose to be an organ donor, a small red heart will be printed on the front of your credential.

Under Indiana's Donor Choice Law, individuals 18 years of age and older may declare their intention to be organ donors and their family members cannot override their intention at the time of death. Individuals younger than 18 years of age may declare their intentions with the permission of a parent or legal guardian, who must provide consent for donation at the time of a minor's death.

Photo-Exempt Credentials

Photo exemptions may be placed on driver's licenses or learner's permits. Photo exemptions are available for religious or medical reasons.

Note: The BMV does not issue a photo-exempt identification card.

To remove the exemption, the driver must visit a license branch and have his or her photo taken for a renewed or amended driver's license or learner's permit.

Parking Placards

A parking placard allows the holder to use parking spaces designated for individuals with disabilities. The placard is available for individuals with a permanent or temporary disability. Also, any company empowered by the state or a political subdivision to operate programs, including the provision of transportation or facilities, for persons with physical disabilities may apply for a placard.

To apply for a parking placard, you must have a physician, chiropractor, advanced practice nurse or podiatrist complete the Application for Disability Parking Placard or Disability Plate – State Form 42070 affirming that you qualify for a parking placard. If you have a visual disability, an optometrist or ophthalmologist licensed to practice in Indiana may complete the form. After you have completed State Form 42070, you may get a parking placard at any license branch or by mailing it to the address on the form.

If you have a permanent disability, your parking placard does not expire unless a physician certifies that the disability is no longer considered permanent. There is no fee for a permanent parking placard.

If you have a temporary disability, your parking placard is valid for six months or less as prescribed by the practitioner's certification on State Form 42070.

A placard issued to a company expires on January 1 of the fourth year that follows the date the placard was issued, or the date the company ceases to operate programs or facilities for persons with disabilities, whichever is sooner.

Restricted Driver's Licenses

BMV examiners are able to determine whether to issue a driver's license with restrictions to an individual with disabilities affecting his or her normal operation of a standard-equipped vehicle. A restricted license may specify particular equipment that the driver needs while operating a vehicle, or other restrictions to accommodate the individual's specific needs.

Active Military or Veteran Indicator

An individual on active duty in the United States Armed Forces may choose to have an active duty military indicator placed on his or her credential. To obtain the indicator, you must provide your current military identification card during your new issuance or renewal application.

A veteran of the United States Armed Forces may choose to have a veteran indicator placed on his or her credential provided they were not discharged with a dishonorable condition. To obtain the indicator, you must provide a DD214 or other documentation issued by the United States Department of Defense verifying your discharge.