

CLASS E – FIRST TIME DRIVER’S LICENSE NON IMMIGRANT ALIENS RESIDING IN LOUISIANA

Eligibility for a Louisiana driver's license is based on your status with the Department of Homeland Security and the length of your stay in the United States. Certain status classes are not eligible for a license, such as B-1 or K-1. You must have at least 30 days remaining on your stay in the U.S. at the time of license issuance. Applicants with less than 30 days remaining on their stay are **not** eligible for a Louisiana driver's license.

For a complete list of eligibility requirements, visit our web site at www.expresslane.org and view the policy (Section 1 #6.01) covering issuance. Additional documentation may be required if the applicant is a minor (under age 18). For additional information, please see the "Class E—First Time Driver's License—Minors" handout.

IDENTIFICATION - Proof of identification is required. A complete list of acceptable identification documents is available at your local Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) or on our website www.expresslane.org

- a. You must present your current passport with documentation from Homeland Security indicating your status in the United States.
- b. Social Security Number verification.
- c. In addition to these two items, you may be required to present additional forms of identification, depending on your status. For example, an F-1 status applicant must present a valid school ID, current school fee bill, and I-20.

NOTE: OMV DOES NOT ACCEPT PHOTOCOPIES OF THE DOCUMENTS LISTED ABOVE.

PRESENTATION OF PROOF OF DRIVER EDUCATION –You are required to complete a driver education course. (Only Germany and Switzerland are exempt from this requirement.) These courses are offered by driving schools that are licensed by the LA Department of Public Safety. A list of area providers is available on the website at www.expresslane.org. The courses offered include:

- a. 30 hours classroom and 8 hours behind-the-wheel instruction (mandatory for 15 - 17 year old applicants) OR
- b. 6 hour pre-licensing classroom and 8 hours behind-the-wheel instruction. (18 years of age and older)

TESTS – Tests must be completed before the issuance of a license. Study guides are available on the website at www.expresslane.org

- a. Vision – You must have 20/40 vision in one or both eyes and pass a vision test.
- b. Knowledge – 40 question test. A minimum score of 80% is required.

Full License:

- a. You must pass the vision and knowledge as stated above.
- b. Skills – The skills test shall be administered by a licensed third party provider. Check the website for a list of licensed providers. If using a privately owned vehicle you must present proof of insurance and the vehicle registration upon application for the road skills test. The vehicle shall also have a valid plate and inspection.

FEES AND DURATION

As a non-immigrant alien, the expiration of your driver's license is based on the expiration of your stay in the U.S. and on your status as authorized by the Department of Homeland Security.

- a. \$32.25 - the basic license fee.
- b. \$6.00 - service fee will be assessed at certain field offices.
- c. Cash and credit cards are acceptable forms of payment.