GETTING A DRIVER'S LICENSE IN LOUISIANA

Step 1: Getting a temporary instructional permit

- You will need:
  - Up to date I-20 and I-94 with at least 180 days left in your program
  - Proof of residence (this can be a leasing document, bank statement, bill, etc.)
  - Social Security Card
- Bring these documents to the Baton Rouge OMV, where they will be verified. You will take a vision exam, pay a $32.25 fee, and take your temporary license photo.

Step 2: Driving lessons

- Browse the web for a driving school in Baton Rouge that meets your needs. Some offer free pickup and drop off to their classes.
- The cost for a driving school can range from $450-$550.
- Louisiana State Law requires that you take 8 hours of behind-the-wheel training and a 4-6 hour class on US driving laws.

Step 3: Taking the exam

- You will need to pass a written exam with a score of at least 80%.
- After passing the written exam, you will take a behind-the-wheel driving test.
- Once you pass, you will be given a sealed envelope, which you must bring back to the OMV. Do not open this envelope yourself.

Step 4: Getting your license

- Submit your sealed driving test results to the OMV.
- Return your temporary instructional permit and pay a fee of $32.25 for your driver's license.

RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS

☐ Reciprocal agreements:

- If you have a valid, unexpired driver's license from another US state or territory, or from Germany, South Korea, Switzerland, or Taiwan, you can apply for a license directly at the OMV without getting an instructional permit or taking driving lessons.

☐ Step 1: Gather your documents

- You will need:
  - Your previous driver's license
  - Up to date I-20 and I-94 with at least 180 days left in your program
  - Proof of residence (leasing document, bank statement, bill, etc.)
  - Social Security Card

☐ Step 2: Getting your license

- Bring these documents to the Baton Rouge OMV, where they will be verified. You will take a vision exam, pay a S32.25 fee, and take your license photo.