## Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Information

To Apply for a California Driver’s License or Identification Card

- **Visit a local DMV Office**  
  (you can schedule an appointment)
- **Complete application for DL 44**
- **Give a thumb print at the DMV Office**
- **Have your picture taken at the DMV Office**
- **Provide a Social Security Number (SSN)***  
  *Except to the to the SSN requirement: if you are legally present in the U.S. but ineligible for an SSN, you are exempt from SSN requirements. However, you must provide an acceptable birth date/legal presence document.
- **Provide your true full name**
- **Pay the $25 application fee***  
  *Subject to change, please check with the DMV
- **Pass a vision exam (only for driver’s license)**
- **Pass a traffic laws and sign test (only for driver’s license)**  
  *If you have a license from another country, you will be required to take a driving test

### Must Provide Birthdate Verification and Proof of Legal Presence

State law requires every applicant for an original California driver’s license or identification card to show verification proof of legal presence within the U.S.

**F, J and H visa holders can verify their legal presence with the following documents:**

- Valid foreign passport
- Valid form I-94
- I-20 (for F-1 visa holders) or DS-2019 (for J-1 visa holders)
- Notice of Action (I-797 Approved Petition) can be used by H visa holders

## Local DMV Offices:

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<td>650 W. 19th Street</td>
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<td>23535 Moulton Parkway</td>
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## To schedule an appointment or for further information:

Phone Number: (800) 777-0133
Website: [http://www.dmv.ca.gov](http://www.dmv.ca.gov)

## The California Driver Handbook is available online:


## An additional great resource is the California DMV YouTube Channel:

[http://www.youtube.com/user/californiadmv](http://www.youtube.com/user/californiadmv)