

TENNESSEE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

IMPORTANT: All Documents Must be Originals or Certified Copies. No Faxes or Photocopies. ✓ = REQUIRED FOR TYPE OF LICENSE:	Temporary Driver License	Temporary Photo-ID	Driver License	Photo ID
	TDL	TID	DL or CDL	ID
PROOF OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP OR LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT EXAMPLE: U.S. Birth Certificate, U.S. Passport, I-551 / Permanent resident card, etc.			✓	✓
PROOF OF TEMPORARY LEGAL PRESENCE EXAMPLE: Conditional Resident Alien Card (I-551), Temporary Resident Identification Card (I-688), Employment Authorization Card(I-766), Valid Foreign Passport with Visa & Valid I-94, etc.	✓	✓		
PRIMARY PROOF OF IDENTITY EXAMPLE: Certified Birth Certificate, Military ID Card, Passport, Valid Driver License Or ID Card Issued By Another State, etc.	✓	✓	✓	✓
SECONDARY PROOF OF IDENTITY EXAMPLE: SSN Card, Work ID, Voter Registration Card, School ID, etc.	✓	✓	✓	✓
PROOF OF ANY NAME CHANGES IF DIFFERENT THAN PRIMARY ID EXAMPLE: Certified Marriage Certificate, Divorce Decree, Certified Court Order, etc.	✓	✓	✓	✓
TWO PROOFS OF TENNESSEE RESIDENCY WITH YOUR NAME AND RESIDENT ADDRESS – NO P.O. BOXES(CURRENT=FROM LAST 4 MONTHS) EXAMPLE: Utility Bills, Vehicle Registration/Title, Bank Statement, LES Statement, etc.	✓	✓	✓	✓
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER* EXAMPLE: SSN Card, Paycheck stub with SS# AND Name, IRS Forms, etc. *SSN Affidavit may be signed IF no SSN yet assigned by the U.S. Government	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>If under eighteen (18) years of age you will also need:</i>				
TEENAGE AFFIDAVIT/FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY If guardian or step-parent is not shown on birth certificate will need proof of relationship such as custody or adoption papers, or marriage certificate if step-parent is signing.	✓	✓	✓	✓
PROOF OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE / PROGRESS State Form SF1010 completed and signed by School Principal or Guidance Teacher within past 30 days – OR – letterhead statement from out-of-state or private schools, clearly stating student is not truant and is successfully progressing in the majority of scheduled classes – SIGNED AND DATED WITHIN PAST 30 DAYS.	✓		✓	
CERTIFICATION OF 50 HOURS BEHIND THE WHEEL DRIVING EXPERIENCE (SF-1256) – after holding learner permit for six months.	✓		✓	
<i>If applying for or currently holding a Commercial Driver License (CDL) you may also need:</i>				
VALID DOT MEDICAL CARD			✓	
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: Federal regulations require CDL holders to have an SSN. The SSN Affidavit is NOT allowed when applying for a commercial license.			✓	
FORM 2-C FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS – OR – SCHOOL LETTER FOR PRIVATE SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS.			✓	

Please Note

A Detailed List of Acceptable Documents is available at www.tennessee.gov/safety and in the Tennessee Driver Handbook and Driver License Study Guide. Remember to study the handbook to prepare for the required tests. All questions on the tests come directly from the handbook.

