



# New Indiana Resident Packet

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# LICENSES, PERMITS, AND IDS

## DRIVER'S LICENSE

To obtain an Indiana Driver's License\*, please bring the following documentation to a BMV branch

**One Proof of Identity**

- Unexpired U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport Card
- Original or certified copy of a birth certificate

**Name Change (If Applicable)**

- If your current name does not match the name on your identity document, additional documentation is required.

**One Proof of Lawful Status**

- Unexpired U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport Card
- Original or certified copy of a birth certificate

**One Proof of Social Security**

- Social Security Card
- W-2 Form

**Two Proofs of Indiana Residency**

- U.S. Postal Service change of address confirmation
- Utility company, credit card, doctor, or hospital bill issued within 60 days of application.



If the applicant is under 18, but more than 16 years and 180 days old, and has held a valid out-of-state driver's license for at least 180 days in their previous state(s) of residency will be required to pass a knowledge examination and a vision screening.

*\*New Indiana residents are required to obtain a Real ID. Required documentation for a Real ID must be state issued original or certified copies and may vary based on each individual. For a complete list of required documents, visit [RealID.IN.gov](http://RealID.IN.gov). If under 18, parent or guardian must sign for affiant, and proof of financial liability.*

## STATE ID

To obtain an Indiana State ID\*, please bring the following documentation to a BMV branch

**One Proof of Identity**

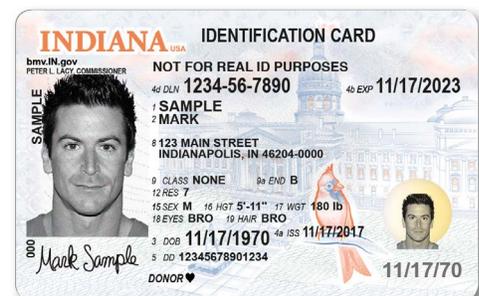
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**Name Change (If Applicable)**

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**Two Proofs of Indiana Residency**

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## LEARNER'S PERMIT

To obtain an Indiana Learner's Permit\*, please bring the following documentation to a BMV branch:

**One Proof of Identity**

- Unexpired U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport Card
- Original or certified copy of a birth certificate

**Name Change (If Applicable)**

- If your current name does not match the name on your identity document, additional documentation is required.

**One Proof of Lawful Status**

- Unexpired U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport Card
- Original or certified copy of a birth certificate

**One Proof of Social Security**

- Social Security Card
- W-2 Form

**Two Proofs of Indiana Residency**

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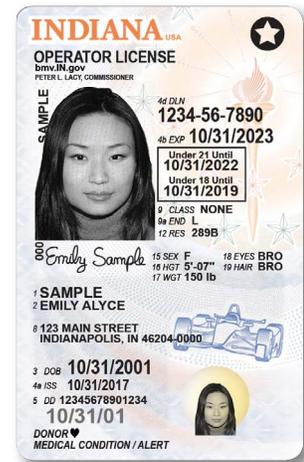
**Certificate of Driver Education Enrollment**

- If applying for a learner permit under the age of 16, the individual must show proof of enrollment in an IN BMV approved driver education program and dated no earlier than three weeks prior to the start of class.

**Pass Learner Permit knowledge exam**

**Pass a standard vision screening**

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## MOTORCYCLE ENDORSEMENT

Individuals with an out-of-state motorcycle endorsement can obtain an Indiana motorcycle endorsement by meeting the below requirements:

- Must hold a valid, unexpired out of state Driver's License with a motorcycle endorsement
- Bring all required documents to obtain their Indiana Driver's License
- Complete and pass a motorcycle knowledge exam

Individuals who do not currently hold an out-of-state motorcycle endorsement can obtain an Indiana motorcycle endorsement by completing the following:

- Hold a valid Indiana driver's license
- Successfully complete a safety course with an authorized Ride Safe Indiana provider.
- Bring graduation documentation to a BMV branch.

*\*As of March 2019, graduation documents are now electronically submitted by course providers.*

For more information on obtaining a motorcycle endorsement or to find a motorcycle safety course near you, visit [RideSafeIndiana.com](http://RideSafeIndiana.com).

## **FOR HIRE ENDORSEMENT**

Individuals can obtain a For Hire Endorsement by meeting the below requirements:

- Hold a valid Indiana driver's license for at least one calendar year.
- Are at least 18 years of age
- Pass a For Hire written knowledge exam

## **COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES**

Individuals can obtain a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) by meeting the below requirements:

- Hold a valid, unexpired out of state Commercial Driver's License
- Bring all required documents to obtain their Indiana Driver's License
- Successfully complete all knowledge exam requirements

## **MOTOR DRIVEN CYCLE (MDC)**

### **MDC–Class A**

A motorist may operate a Motor Driven Cycle–Class A (MDC–Class A) with a valid motorcycle endorsement with or without an MDC–Class A restriction. However, to operate an MDC–Class A, a motorist must have, at a minimum, a motorcycle endorsement with an MDC–Class A restriction. A motorist with a motorcycle endorsement with a MDC–Class A restriction may only operate an MDC–Class A.

### **MDC–Class B**

A Class B endorsement is applied to an ID card for the purpose of operating an MDC Class B, when the applicant is at least 15 years of age and passes the MDC – Class B knowledge exam. Individuals holding a valid learner's permit or driver's license and are at least 15 years of age are able to operate a MDC-B without specific endorsement.

- Must submit valid DOT physical. *Find approved DOT medical providers in your area [here](#)*
- Age Requirements
  - At least 18 years of age to apply for a Commercial Learner Permit (CLP)
  - Drivers under 21 years of age may operate a commercial motor vehicle for purposes of intrastate commerce only and are not eligible to apply for the passenger, school bus, or hazardous materials endorsements.

*\*For more information on obtaining a CDL or CPL, please visit [IN.Gov/BMV](#)*

## **NEW INDIANA RESIDENT TITLE AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

To obtain a title, new residents must provide identification and title documents as outlined below:

As a new Indiana resident you must provide proof of your social\* and 2 proofs of address.

You have 60 days after becoming an Indiana resident to process your title to avoid an administrative penalty. You will need to provide your residency date (date you moved to Indiana) at the time of title transfer for tax proration purposes

\*Proof of social security number can be presented with a valid Social Security card (SSN) or Proof of lawful status I-94 with a Social Security Number Ineligibility Letter issued by the Social Security Administration. The Ineligibility Letter must be dated within the past 60 days of the transaction.

Documents Needed:

- Most recently issued title
- If the state you are moving from does not require your vehicle to be titled, proof of ownership, such as a registration, must be presented (in most cases)
- If the state you are moving from issues Electronic Titles, you must request a printed copy of the title from your previous state of residence and present to the Indiana BMV.
- If a lienholder has the title, you can complete a [Request For Title](#) and return the form to an Indiana BMV branch. The branch will send the form to the Lienholder listed on the form. The branch will contact you when you may return for title processing. *If you are waiting for a lienholder to respond to a request for a title to complete your branch transaction, you can purchase a 30-day permit to make sure you are valid in the state of Indiana. If the out of state registration is expired or will expire before the branch receives the title from the lienholder you may purchase a 30-day permit, for which there is a fee.*

## **VIN INSPECTION**

You have a couple of options to complete a VIN inspection.

### Option 1

If the VIN is easily viewable in the windshield of the vehicle, the inspection can be done by a [BMV branch or a partial service provider](#)

### Option 2

Have a police officer verify the number and fill out the [Physical Inspection of a Vehicle or watercraft](#)

**Important Note:** *Utility and boat trailers do not require a VIN inspection unless your previous state of residence did not require them to be titled. If no title was required in your previous state of residence, a VIN inspection will be necessary to title the trailer in Indiana. Additionally, all travel trailer/RVs DO require a VIN inspection.*