

OBTAINING AN ALABAMA DRIVERS LICENSE

***Note:** Skip to Step 3, if you already have a Social Security Number (SSN)

Step 1: If you do not have a Social Security Number(SSN) have no on-campus employment that would make you eligible for a SSN, then request an Enrollment Verification/Letter of Good Standing from the registrar's office (SSB 120), to take to the Social Security Administration for the purpose of applying for a Driver's License.

Step 2:

Go to the Social Security Administration Office with your I-20, passport, I-94 card (printout) and the letter issued to you by the registrar to receive a **letter of non-eligibility**.

Social Security Administration Office

4970 Research Drive NW
Huntsville, AL 35805
1-(800)-772-1213

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Wednesday: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Except Federal Holidays

Step 3:

Before you are allowed to drive in the United States, You may need to get a driver's license. This process includes a vision test, a written exam, and a road test. Tests are given at the Drivers License Center in Huntsville.

Drivers License Test Center

1115 Church Street NW
Huntsville, AL 35801
(256) 539- 0682

Other Preferred Drivers Test Center

302 Lee St. NE
Decatur, AL 3560
(256) 351-4770

Vision Test: Remember to bring your eye glasses or corrective lenses if you wear them.

Written Exam: Remember to study the Alabama Drivers Manual for your test. The online Driver Manual can be found: <http://www.dps.state.al.us/DriverLicense/Manuals.aspx>

What You Need to Bring for the Written Exam:

- A valid foreign passport with an acceptable visa or resident alien card
- **Enrollment Verification letter from UAH- issued by Charger Central; SSB 120**
- Social Security number verification* or non-eligibility letter from **Social Security**
- Bring **both** I-20 and I-94 (printout)
- \$5.00 for written test/eye exam and \$36.25 for Learners Permit valid for 4 years (**cash only**). **Alabama law requires an individual to have a learners permit before practicing driving. You can only drive when accompanied by a Licensed Driver during the learning period.**
- If you are 19 or younger, you will need acceptable school enrollment or graduation proof.

Road Test: After you pass the written test, you will be eligible to take the road test. Practice your driving so you can pass.

What You Need to Bring for Road Test:

- All documents that you brought to written exam (**See Above List.**)
- Current owner registration of car you are going to use for the road test
- Proof of current car insurance
- The license of the Licensed Driver who brought you to the road test
- \$36.25 (**cash only**) fee for driver's license, if you opted not to pay and receive a learners permit
- Your car

You will NOT be able to take either test, if you do not have all the required documents.