

# 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 a letter from the International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS), MDH 137, to take to the Social Security Administration for the purpose of applying for a Driver's License.

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## **Step 2:**

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

### **Social Security Administration Office**

4970 Research Drive  
Huntsville, AL 35805  
1-866-593-0665

### **Office Hours**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Wednesday: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  
*Except Federal Holidays*

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## **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-A Church Street  
Huntsville, AL 35801  
(256) 539- 0681

### **Other Preferred Drivers Test Center**

302 Lee St. NE  
Decatur, AL 35602  
(256)351-4665

**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 218**
- Social Security number verification\* or non-eligibility letter from **Social Security**
- Bring **both** I-20 and I-94
- \$28.50: (no checks) \$5 written exam fee plus \$23 learners permit fee to start practicing driving. **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
- \$23.50 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.