

# New Indiana Resident Packet

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# LICENSES, PERMITS, AND IDS

The below section outlines the available driver's license, ID, and permit for new Indiana residents. Please review each section carefully.

If you do not have one of the documents listed below, please visit [RealID.IN.gov](http://RealID.IN.gov) to review a full list of accepted documents.

## 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 government issued birth certificate

### ☐ Name Change (If Applicable)

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

### ☐ One Proof of Lawful Status

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

### ☐ One Proof of Social Security (Your **FULL** Social Security Number must be printed on your documentation)

- 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 under 18 and held a driver's license less than 180 days then must apply for a LP, take knowledge exam. If under 18 and held DL for less than 1 year, they must take a knowledge and skills exam to get DL. If over 18 and DL is expired, then must take knowledge exam. If expired greater than 3 years, then skills and knowledge exam to get DL. If you cannot provide two documents proving your Indiana residency you may submit an Indiana Residency Affidavit. For more information, please visit our website [www.in.gov/BMV](http://www.in.gov/BMV).

## STATE ID

To obtain an Indiana State Identification Card (ID)\*, 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 government issued birth certificate

\*New Indiana residents are required to obtain a Real ID. Required documentation for a Real ID must be an original or certified copy 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.



☐ **Name Change (If Applicable)**

- If your current name does not match the name on your identity document, additional name change 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 (Your FULL Social Security Number must be printed on your documentation)**

- 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

## 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 government issued birth certificate

☐ **Name Change (If Applicable)**

- If your current name does not match the name on your identity document, additional name change 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 (Your FULL Social Security Number must be printed on your documentation)**

- 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

## 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**

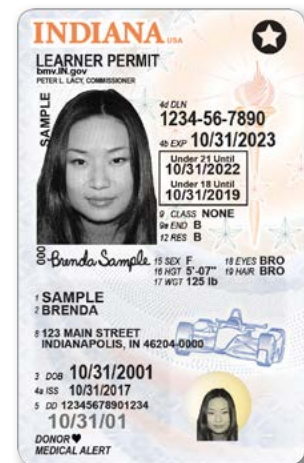
☐ **Pass a standard vision screening**

# INDIANA RESIDENCY AFFIDAVIT

If you cannot provide two documents proving your Indiana residency you may submit an Indiana Residency Affidavit if you meet one of the following qualifications:

- **You are incapacitated.** An Indiana Residency Affidavit must be signed at a license branch by another person who is your legal guardian or caregiver, is at least 18 years of age, and with whom you reside.
- **Homeless applicants without a residence address.** An Indiana Residency Affidavit must be signed by a legal representative of the government entity or not-for-profit organization where you receive services and can receive mail.
- **You are living with a relative or friend.** An Indiana Residency Affidavit must be signed at a license branch by the relative or friend with whom you live.
- **You reside in a motor vehicle, including but not limited to a mobile home or motor home.** An Indiana Residency Affidavit must be signed at a license branch by another Indiana resident who attests that you may use his or her address of residence for record purposes.

For more information about the Indiana Residency Affidavit, or to download a copy, please go to the [Proving Indiana Residency](#) page of the Indiana BMV website.



## MOTORCYCLE ENDORSEMENT

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

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

- ☐ Must hold an out of state Driver's License with a motorcycle endorsement that is expired less than 3 years
- ☐ 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 or pass a skills exam.

*Upon completion of the course, graduation documents are electronically submitted to the BMV by course providers*

## FOR HIRE ENDORSEMENT

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

- ☐ Hold a valid 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 who do not currently hold a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) can obtain one by meeting the below requirements:

- ☐ Bring all required documents to obtain their Indiana Driver's License and successfully complete all applicable CDL knowledge exam requirements
- ☐ Must submit valid Medical Examination Report (MER) and Medical Examiner's Certificate (MEC). Find FMCSA Certified Medical Examiners in your area [here](#)
- ☐ Age Requirements
  - At least 18 years of age
  - Make application for a Commercial Learner's 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

Individuals who have an out-of-state CDL and wish to obtain an Indiana CDL. These individuals are also required to pass all applicable CDL knowledge exams, must submit a valid MER or MEC, and must meet one of the below requirements:

## MOTOR DRIVEN CYCLE (MDC)

An MDC endorsement is applied to an ID card for the purpose of operating a motor driven cycle, when the applicant is at least 15 years of age and passes the MDC 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 an MDC without specific endorsement.

- ☐ Hold a valid out-of-state CDL or
- ☐ Be a lawful permanent resident with a Canadian or Mexican CDL

*\*For more information on obtaining a CDL or CLP, please visit [IN.Gov/BMV](http://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.*
- ☐ If there is a lien recorded on the face of your out-of-state title, then the Indiana BMV must record the lien on the newly issued Indiana title. If your lien has been satisfied, then the lienholder must release the lien by signing the lien release section of the out-of-state title or by providing a written lien release document.

Find more information about [registering a vehicle](#) and [tinting a vehicle](#) on [IN.gov/BMV](http://IN.gov/BMV).

If you have additional questions, check out our [step-by-step interactive guide](#) to walk you through what to expect on basic vehicle transactions!

## 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.*