
DRIVER AND VEHICLE INFORMATION

1. Can I conduct MVD business without going to a Motor Vehicle Division Field Office?

Yes. The Motor Vehicle Division's Integrated Voice Response (IVR) and Internet systems allow customers to access MVD information 24 hours a day. These systems allow customers to:

- [Renew Vehicle Registration on the Internet](#) or by telephone with a credit card (MasterCard or VISA only)
- [Request Motor Vehicle and Driver related forms](#)
- Receive answers to commonly asked MVD questions

To access the MVD Integrated Voice Response system call:
In Santa Fe, NM: 827-4636 or Toll-Free: 1-888-MVD-INFO (1-888-683-4636)

2. How soon after moving to New Mexico do I have to get a New Mexico driver's license?

If you are taking up residency in New Mexico, you must surrender your license from any other state and apply for a New Mexico license within 30 days of moving to New Mexico.

3. How do I apply for a New Mexico driver's license?

All first-time licensees in New Mexico ages 18 to 24 (not required for persons 25 years and older) are required to take the "*None for the Road*" awareness class.

There are two steps you must take to get a New Mexico license:

- a. Complete the "*None for the Road*" course.
- b. Take your certificate of completion and other required identification (see question # 5), to any Motor Vehicle Division Field Office.

4. How do I sign up for a *None for the Road* course?

This course is not administered by the Taxation and Revenue Department's Motor Vehicle Division. The class is offered as a self-study course available by mail. Course materials include a student manual/workbook and a video. The video is also offered as a closed-caption tape. Persons required to take the course may obtain a "*None for the Road*" flyer/application directly from any local Motor Vehicle field office. The flyer contains complete information for registering, obtaining course materials, and completing the course.

For additional information, a telephone line is open from 9:00 am to noon, Monday through Friday.

In Albuquerque and surrounding areas call 277-0051

Outside the Albuquerque area, call toll free: 1-877-663-7465

For more information regarding the *None For The Road* course, contact Dianne De Leon, UNM Continuing Education at 277-6170, drumerdi@unm.edu.

5. What should I take with me to the Motor Vehicle Division Field Office to get a New Mexico driver's license?

Your Social Security card. If you do not have your social security card, any of the following documents is acceptable for proof of social security number: Drivers license issued in the United States with the social security number printed on the license, Government issued photo-identification card with a social security number printed on the government issued card, Military issued identification card with a social security number printed on the card, An original employment payroll receipt with a social security number, Tax Forms, including W-2, W-4, W-8, W-9 or IRS official document, Voter registration card, Medical card, Financial institution statement with social security number, Educational Institution identification card.

Proof of Identification and Age. The following documents are acceptable for identification: original birth certificate, certified copy of birth certificate, original church record, certified copy of church record, U.S. passport or foreign passport, Indian census card, or current driver's license from another state or country.

Two(2) Proof of Residence are Required. MVD does NOT accept a "P.O. BOX". The following documents are acceptable for Proof of Residency List.: Rental Agreement or Purchase Agreement, Any Original Government Issued document, Utility Bill (PNM, Waste, Water, etc.), Telephone Bill, Bank Statement, Check Book, Employment Pay Stub, Insurance Bill (Automobile or Home), Local Property Tax Statement, Proof of a Minor Child Enrolled in a Public/Private School, Proof that the person has remained in New Mexico for Seven Consecutive Months, voter registration, Original documentation from a New Mexico community service organization; or city, county, state or federal government service organization attesting to the fact that the person is a New Mexico resident. **(PO Box allowed for mailing address only.)**

Certificate of Completion for DWI Prevention and Education (ages 18 through 24) (NMSA 66-5-9). None for the Road 1-877-663-7465.

If you have a current driver's license from another state, you'll be required to pass an eye exam at the Motor Vehicle Division Field Office.

Vision, and written tests are required for all applicants whose license has been expired for one year or more.

A license will not be issued if your driving privileges have been suspended, revoked, or denied by this state or any other state.

6. What is the fee for a driver's license?

The fee is \$18.00 for a four-year license or \$34.00 for an eight-year license. Drivers who are 75 years old or older must renew their licenses yearly, but they are not charged renewal fees.

7. How do I obtain a vehicle license, registration certificate, and license plate?

You will need to take the following documentation to any Motor Vehicle Division field office:

- your certificate of title;
- your current certificate of registration from another state;
- your odometer reading to complete an odometer statement at the Office;
- proof of New Mexico residency and your New Mexico residential address, and
- vehicle ID inspection certificate signed by a full-time law enforcement officer or by an employee at a local MVD Field Office.
- proof of insurance including policy number and insurance carrier name

In addition to the above, residents of the Albuquerque metropolitan area (Bernalillo County and parts of adjacent counties) must provide proof that the vehicle has passed an emissions inspection test. These tests are available throughout the county at certified "Air Care" stations. For more information about emissions testing, contact the Vehicle Pollution Management Division, 1500 Broadway NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102; (505) 247-2273.

The above list of required documentation applies to the individual who is titling and registering a vehicle already titled in his or her name in another state. For information on transfer of title and registration for new or used vehicles, contact the Motor Vehicle Division at 1-888-MVD-INFO (1-888-683-4636).

8. What is the fee for registering my vehicle?

The registration fee for passenger vehicles is based on the weight and year model of the vehicle. Registration fees range from \$25.50 to \$60.50 for a one (1) year registration or \$50.50 to \$120.50 for a two (2) year registration. Registration fees for trucks with a DGVW (Declared Gross Vehicle Weight) of 26,000 pounds or less are also based on the weight and model year of the vehicle. Registration fees range from \$36.50 to \$205.50 for a one (1) year registration or \$72.50 to \$410.50 for a two (2) year registration. Permanent registration is available for utility and travel trailers weighing under 6,000 pounds. For further information, please contact your local MVD office.

9. What automobile insurance am I required to have in New Mexico?

You must have a liability policy (or surety bond or cash deposit) with a minimum of \$60,000 in coverage: \$25,000 coverage for bodily injury to or death of 1 person, \$50,000 coverage for bodily injury to or death of 2 or more persons, and \$10,000 for property damage in any one accident.

10. What if my vehicle is out-of-state and an emission test is required for New Mexico registration?

You must complete the required Affidavit of Vehicle Unavailability for Inspection and complete all required MVD documents and submit all documents to Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Vehicle Pollution Management Program. They approve the waiver and forward your registration payment and forms to MVD. You must submit your waiver form prior to the 10th of the month to allow for processing time.
