How to Apply for a Driver’s License as an International Student

Documents needed:

- Passport
- I-20
- I-94
- Completed application form
- $33 payment in cash, check, or debit/credit card (as of Jan 2021)
- Proof of Enrollment (to request from Maridyth Spore, mspore@austincollege.edu)
- Either:
  - Social security card (if you are eligible for one) OR
  - A signed “Social Security Affidavit” at the DPS office upon applying
- (2) proofs of residence
  - Mail from the bank
  - Utility bill (cable; gas; electric; phone)
- Note: If you live in a residence hall, your room number MUST be included in the proofs of residence
- (If you own a vehicle) Proof of Texas vehicle registration and insurance for each vehicle

Instructions:

1. Take an approved driver’s education course and obtain certificate of completion
2. Study the Texas Driver Handbook for the written exam
3. Gather all required documents
4. Book an appointment at a DPS office
5. Pass the vision exam
6. Pass the written and practical driving exams

Important notes:

- You must wait a minimum of 30 days after arrival in the U.S. to apply for a driver’s license
- If you have a car, you must also register it with the Austin College Campus Police

For more details regarding the driver’s license application process, please visit the Texas Department of Public Safety website.

For information regarding rules for on-campus vehicles, please refer to the Austin College website.