Identification Requirements

You must bring the following items with you when you apply for an instructional permit or license of any type:

- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Proof of Residency
- Picture identification

For additional information regarding US citizenship and international customers see our website. http://itd.idaho.gov/dmv/diverservices/foreignstudents.htm

Special Requirements

If you are under 18, there are special requirements you must meet to apply for an instructional permit:

- Have a birth parent or legal guardian sign your application.
- Be currently enrolled in school, GED degree, or show diploma.
- Conform to Idaho schooled attendance policies and laws by showing Verification of Compliance (VOC).
- Students who are home school will need to show proof of home schooling for at least one year and sign an affidavit statement at the DMV.
Driver Education Permit

If you under the age of 17 years you must take a state approved driver education course:

You must be at least 14.5 years old.
You must pass the vision test.
You must be enrolled in school.
You must take a driver education course which consists of a 30 hours classroom, 6 hours of behind the wheel instruction, and 6 hours of in car observation.

Graduated Driver License

After completing driver education you will receive a supervised instruction permit.

You must have a valid licensed driver with you occupying the front passenger seat of the vehicle who is at least 21 years of age.
You must log at least 50 hours of driving practice, 10 hours of which must be at night.
You must hold your instruction permit for at least 6 months before you can apply for any type of license.
If at any time you violate the restrictions of this permit you will be required to start your 6 months of supervised instruction again.

All occupants must wear seat belts or child safety restraints.

Testing

Pass the written knowledge and road skills test:

Applicants must be 15 years old to receive an Idaho driver’s license.
Applicants must schedule an appointment with a skills tester.
Applicants who fail the skills test must wait three (3) days before retesting and fees must be re-paid.
Applicants who fail the written test must wait three (3) days before retesting and fees must be re-paid.

Restrictions

Drivers under age 16 are restricted to daylight only driving unless accompanied by a licensed driver who is at least 21 years of age, not under the influence of drugs or alcohol, and sitting beside the driver.

Licensees under age 17 are required during the first six (6) months from the date the license was issued to limit the number of passengers in the vehicle who are under age 18 to not more than one passenger, unless the passengers are related to the driver by blood, adoption or marriage.

Any violation of the license restriction requirements during the supervised instruction period will result in cancellation of the permit and requires the permit holder to reapply for a new permit. Upon reapplication, the permit holders must start and complete the supervised instruction period. The supervised instruction period is six (6) months.

Surrendering Out of State DL

Applicants who are 17 years old and have an out of state driver’s license may be issued an Idaho driver’s license without proof of completion of driver’s training or the supervised driver period. They will need to provide proof of school enrollment or graduation and pass the Idaho class D knowledge test.

Out of State Permit Transfer

When an applicant requests approval of an out of state driver training course, the applicant will need to contact the Idaho State Department of Education Driver Training Division and provide the following documentation:

Name of student.
Out of State Permit.
Certification of completing driver education.
Name and phone number of driver education school/company.
Parental contact information.

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