

# DRIVER'S LICENSE INFORMATION

## WHERE DO I GET A GEORGIA DRIVER'S LICENSE?

The closest Driver's License Customer Service Center to Clayton State University campus is located at 5036 State Route 85, Forest Park, GA 30297. However, go to the Department of Driver Services (DDS) website ([www.dds.ga.gov](http://www.dds.ga.gov)) to find the most convenient location for you. The Forest Park location is open Tuesday-Friday from 7:30am to 6:30pm and Saturday 7:30am-12pm. Note that Tuesdays are normally the busiest day.

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You may make an appointment at by calling 1-866-754-3687 and selecting option 4.

Take the following documents with you:

- Unexpired passport
- Visa
- I-94 card
- I-20 (F-1) or DS-2019 (J-1)
- 2 documents showing proof of local residence, such as a signed lease agreement, a utility bill, or a bank statement (all must have your printed name and local address – each must be issued within the last 60 days)
- \$20 cash
- Social Security Card (Your SSN will be verified if you do not have the original SSN card.)

**NOTE:** For those drivers who are not citizens and not authorized to work in the United States, you will need to obtain a Form SSAL 676 'SSN CARD DENIAL NOTICE' from a local SSA office before visiting a DDS Customer Service Center to apply for a driver's license. You may contact the SSA at (800) 772-1213 or visit their website at <http://www.ssa.gov/onlinservices/> and select 'Locate an Office' to find the SSA office nearest you. Form SSAL 676 is not available from the website. After obtaining the form, please bring it to the Customer Service Center when you apply for your driver's license or identification card. In addition to the form, please remember to bring your valid passport and valid I-94, and proof of Georgia residency.

\*\*\*All drivers' license applicants must pass a written test, road test, and vision exam. \*\*\*

## WHAT IS A GEORGIA ID CARD?

An identification card contains the same personal information, photo, signature, and special protection against alteration and fraud as a driver's license. It is issued at the same Centers that issue driver's licenses and looks very similar to a driver's license. All the same items listed above are required for the ID card as well, including the \$20 fee.

## DO I NEED A GEORGIA DRIVER'S LICENSE?

YES! You should obtain a GA Driver's License if you plan to reside in the U.S. for more than 30 days and drive a vehicle. You can drive on an international driver's license for less than 30 days. **However, your insurance premiums will be higher if you drive on an "international driver's license" and the average police officer may not be aware of this legal exemption for international students.** Because of these risks, International Student Services recommend you get a Georgia license. You should always have the following items always in your possession when operating a vehicle:

- The foreign or Georgia driver's license
- Student ID card or proof of registration
- Proof of payment of tuition for the current semester
- A copy of the following legal citation from the Official Code of Georgia annotated (O.C.G.A.), page 147 of Title 40 (Provided on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of this form).

For more information on obtaining a Georgia Driver's License or ID Card, see the Department of Driver Services website: <http://www.dds.ga.gov/>

From the Official Code of Georgia annotated (O.C.G.A.), page 147 of Title 40:

**40-5-21(b) O.C.G.A.**

(b) Notwithstanding any contrary provisions of Code Section 40-5-20 or subsection (a) of this Code section, a nonresident of this state who is attending a school in this state shall be exempt from the driver's licensing requirements of this chapter if and only if:

1. He or she is at least 16 years of age and has in his or her immediate possession a valid license issued to him or her in his or her home state or country; provided, however, that any restrictions which would apply to a Georgia driver's license as a matter of law would apply to the privilege afforded to the out-of-state license; and
2. He or she is currently enrolled in a school in this state, has paid for the current period of enrollment the tuition charged by the school to nonresidents of Georgia, and has in his or her possession proof of payment of such tuition for such current period of enrollment.