

Applying for a Certificate of Driving in Tennessee

Where to go:

Rutherford County

1035 Samsonite Blvd.

Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Phone: 615-898-8037

Fax: 615-898-8026

Hours: Tuesday-Friday 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

What to bring:

Bring originals-copies will NOT be accepted.

1. Your SEVIS I-20 or DS-2019
2. Your passport booklet
3. ***Valid visa; your visa MUST be valid to obtain a certificate of driving in Tennessee. You cannot obtain a certificate of driving on an expired visa.***
4. MTSU student identification card (must have your picture and your MTSU student identification number on it. The MTSU student identification number will have 000-00-0 and or 999-00- and 4 or 3 specific digits after the last 0 that identifies you).
5. Proof of residency (your local mailing address here in Tennessee). Post Office boxes cannot be used to be proof of residency. They need an actual street address. If you are living in a dorm here on campus, give 1301 East Main Street, your dorm name, your dorm room number, then your MTSU PO Box number, Murfreesboro, TN 37132 and your dorm phone number.

You CANNOT use your drivers certificate to rent a car, as photo ID to board a plane, as ID to enter a club or bar. When you write a check, you cannot use the driver's certificate as photo ID. Please read the enclosed brochure about the things you can and cannot use the driver's certificate for.

When to go:

Go when they are least busy. Generally, before 11:00 a.m. the lines are shorter. Avoid lunch hour or right after lunch if possible.

What to know:

Study the driver's manual (available at the above office or on-line at <http://www.state.tn.us/safety/handbook.html>). Both the knowledge test and the road test will go more smoothly if you spend time reviewing this manual and spend time on the road with an experienced driver before you apply. Be sure to bring a proper vehicle. All safety equipment must work (horn, lights, seat belts, brakes, turn signals and windshield wipers). The vehicle registration must also be current. Bring a vehicle that you are familiar with driving.

There may be a fee to obtain the driver's certificate. A regular operator's license cost \$19.50 so go prepared to pay with either cash or a personal check. Please be aware that the driver's certificate does have an expiration date. Be sure you keep your driver's certificate valid.

If you have more questions, go to <http://www.state.tn.us/safety/gentips/htm> for more information.

Vehicle Registration: Please contact Vehicle Registration upon purchase of a vehicle or for license plate renewal or transfer. Their address is:

Vehicle Registration
319 North Maple Street
Murfreesboro, TN 37130
Phone: 615-898-7800

An emissions test will be required for all newly purchased vehicles or transfer of license plates.

Be sure to purchase automobile insurance. There are various insurance agencies to purchase automobile insurance from, but as an example, State Farm Insurance is one company that is local. Automobile insurance is extremely important and you need to have your vehicle covered in case of an accident. Having automobile insurance can save you thousands of dollars should you be in an accident. There is generally a deductible you pay and the insurance payments are generally due every 6 months.