



## Your Guide to Getting Driver's License & Car Insurance

### 1. Study for the written driver's test:

Go online to get a copy of the Digest of Ohio Motor Vehicle Laws (<http://go.osu.edu/ohiodriving>). Study the digest. You can practice the written test with the sample provided by the BMV: [http://www.bmv.ohio.gov/dl\\_sample\\_test.stm](http://www.bmv.ohio.gov/dl_sample_test.stm).

### 2. Take written test and apply for Temporary Instruction Permit

#### Identification Card (TIPIC):

*Put together your necessary documentation:* You will need your Passport, Visa, I-94, and I-20 to show proof of full name, proof of legal residence, and date of birth. You will also need to bring either a utility bill, proof of car insurance, or a bank statement as proof of residency.

*Put together money for fees:* You can find a list of fees at [http://www.bmv.ohio.gov/fees\\_for\\_services.stm](http://www.bmv.ohio.gov/fees_for_services.stm). The BMV (Bureau of Motor Vehicles) only accepts Cash, Personal Check, Money Order, Certified Cashier Check, Traveler's Check. BMV does not accept debit or credit cards.

*Go to nearest Driver Examination Station:*

An appointment is not necessary, but the exam stations are not open on Sunday or Monday. They are open Tuesday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Go to one of these driver exam stations with your documentation and fees and c Complete a vision screening, knowledge test (written test), and apply for the TIPIC.

990 Morse Rd.  
Columbus, OH 43229  
(614) 781-0060

1583 Alum Creek Dr.  
Columbus, OH 43209  
(614) 995-5353

### 3. Get car insurance:

*How much coverage do you need?* In Ohio, all drivers must have a minimum amount of coverage. You need insurance coverage even if you are driving someone else's car. **SLS recommends that you purchase more than the state minimum coverage.** If your car is damaged by a person that does not have car insurance, minimum coverage will not cover your car. If you are found responsible for any damage to your car, minimum coverage will not cover your car.

*Where do I get insurance?* SLS recommends that you do not purchase insurance from the internet without first speaking to a car insurance agent. A car insurance agent will discuss exactly what kind of coverage is best for you. A referral list of insurance agents is provided at <http://studentlegal.osu.edu/carinsurance>.

**4. Practice Driving:** After you are issued the TIPIC, practice driving. When you have a TIPIC, anytime you are driving a car, you must have a licensed driver, over the age of 21 in the passenger seat at all times. If you are 18 years old or older, there is no required amount of time that you must have a TIPIC and practice before you take the driving test for a permanent license.

**5. Take the Driving Test and apply for permanent driver's license:** After you practice driving and feel comfortable enough to take the written test, call a Driver Examination Station (see numbers listed above) to schedule a driving test. On the day of your driving test, take the necessary documentation (listed above) and fees to take the driver test (find out which fees you need at [http://www.bmv.ohio.gov/fees\\_for\\_services.stm](http://www.bmv.ohio.gov/fees_for_services.stm)).

For the driving test:

- You must have your TIPIC with you.
- You must bring a car to use for the test and it must be in good condition.
- You will take a road test which is two parts (the driving test and the maneuverability test). For more information about these tests visit: [http://www.bmv.ohio.gov/dl\\_new\\_driver.stm#tog](http://www.bmv.ohio.gov/dl_new_driver.stm#tog).

**6. Once you pass, you will get your driver license:** You will go to the Deputy Registrar line at the same location where you took your driver exam.

**Remember, if you are driving, you MUST have identification (either TIPIC or driver's license) AND proof of insurance with you at all times**

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