

## **Steps for applying for a Driver's License:**

1. You do not need a Social Security Number (SSN) in order to apply for a California Driver's License. However, you will need to get a letter from the Social Security office that verifies that you do not need a SSN.
2. Before you apply for a California driver's license:
  - Pick up a Driver's Handbook from the DMV office or find a copy online. This handbook covers all the CA traffic laws that will be covered on the driving test. You can get the Driver's Handbook in English, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese.
  - Study the handbook! You will probably not be able to pass the test if you do not study!
  - Make your appointment for the written test, or go on a day when you have time to wait in line.
3. On the day of your test, bring with you the following documents:
  - Your passport or birth certificate, and copies of your electronic I-94 and I-20
  - A check payable to DMV for the required fees
  - Your driver's license from your home country or another U.S. state (if you have one)
4. Take the written traffic law test. If you pass the test, you will take the eye test there. If you are required to take the driving test, you will also receive a permit that allows you to practice driving to prepare for the driving test.
5. Make an appointment to take the driving test.

If you do not know how to drive and want to learn, you can find driving schools in the [Yellow Pages](#) or by searching online for driving schools in San José.

For more information, visit [dmv.ca.org](http://dmv.ca.org).