Overview of States' Driver's License Requirements

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States that require a Social Security number (SSN) for a driver's license with no exceptions (1).	SD.
States that require an SSN for a driver's license, but have exceptions to that rule (50).	AL, AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, DC, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IA, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, ME, MA, MN, MI, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WV, WI, and WY.
States that have lawful presence requirements in the law (28).	AL, AZ, AR, CA, CO, FL, GA, ID, IN, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD,[1] MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NJ, OK, PA, SC, SD, TN, VA, VT, WI, and WY.
States that have lawful presence requirements that are created by agency policy or the combination of documents required of driver's license applicants (18).	AK, CT, DE, DC, IL, IA, MA,[2] NE, NH, NV, NY, NC, ND, OH, OR, RI, TX, and WV.
States that don't have lawful presence requirements (4).	HI, NM, UT,[3] and WA.
States that accept the ITIN as an alternative to the SSN (5).	IL (in the case of religious objections) KY, NM, UT,[4] and WV.
States that accept the *matrícula consular* or other foreign ID card as a form of ID (7).	IN, MI (accepted on case-by-case basis), NE, NM, TX, UT, and WA.
States that require that the driver's license expire with an immigrant's visa or authorized stay in the U.S. (37).	AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, DC, DE, GA, FL, IA, ID, IN, KY, LA, ME, MD, MI, MN, MO, MT, NJ, NV, NC, ND, OH, OK, PA, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WV, WI, and WY.

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[1] Individuals holding licenses as of Apr. 19, 2009 will not have to prove lawful presence upon renewal; however licenses issues to such individuals will expire on July 1, 2015.

[2] Applicants with a license issued by Canada or Mexico can apply without demonstrating lawful presence.

[3] Driver's license applicants are required to prove lawful presence. Applicants unable to prove lawful presence receive a "driving privilege card."

[4] An ITIN may only be presented by those applying for a driving privilege card.