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AS OF DECEMBER 16, 2019, ANYONE, REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS, CAN APPLY FOR A NEW YORK STANDARD DRIVER'S LICENSE, PROVIDED THAT:

- They go through the SAME application process,
- Take the SAME tests (written and road tests), and
- Pay the SAME fees, as any other New York State applicant.

BENEFITS TO EVERYONE! _____

- Increased Revenue to NYS from license fees
- Increased Auto sales
- Lower insurance premiums resulting from more insured drivers
- Increased economic growth

BENEFITS TO IMMIGRANTS _____

- Dramatically reduce the consequences of getting a ticket
- Increased access to jobs, schools, health care, places of worship, family, and loved ones.
- Obtaining car insurance

“STANDARD” DRIVER LICENSE _____

- One of three types of licenses that New York State already offers.
- Many New Yorkers already have this kind of license; it is not only for people without documentation.
- CANNOT be used for domestic air travel.

PRIVACY CONCERNS _____

- DMV asks everyone for proof of their physical address.
- A P.O. Box is not sufficient, even if you use it as a mailing address. You will still be required to provide a physical address.
- **BUT**-DMV cannot scan and keep copies of your source documents, and they can't ask you about your immigration status when you apply for a Standard Driver's license.
- Without a warrant, DMV can't disclose anyone's sensitive info, including country of origin





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SOME COUNTIES ARE ACTIVELY OPPOSED TO THE PROGRAM, AND THOSE OFFICES SHOULD BE AVOIDED.

- Not many counties in the Hudson Valley fall under this umbrella, but Rennsalaer county is an example
- Try DMVs that are run directly by the state, such as, Albany, Bronx, Kings, Nassau, New York, Onondaga, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk, Westchester

STEPS TO GETTING A LICENSE

- Study for and pass the written test (study materials available in English and Spanish, test is available in 14 languages)
- Provide six “points” of ID, including:
 - Valid Foreign passport (4 points, proof of age)
 - Valid Consular ID (4 points, proof of age)
 - Foreign Driver's License Valid or Expired up to 24 months (4 points, proof of age) · Foreign School Report Card or School Record (1 pt) - With photo (2 pts)
 - US Municipal ID with photo (1 point, proof of residency)
 - Tax Documents: IRS Tax Transcript, Tax Return, ITIN Issuance Letter, Wage and Income Transcript (1 pt, proof of residency)
 - US High School ID Card with Report Card (2 pts)
 - The full list is on the DMV [website](#)
- Take 5 hour “pre licensing” course (don't lose the certificate)
- Pass Road Test—Bring 5 hour certificate to test

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