

MARYLAND OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER IMMIGRATION PROGRAM

STATE OF MARYLAND



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As of 1/1/2014, anyone who lives in Maryland and has filed tax forms for two years may apply for a driver's license.

Prove your identity

- Valid, unexpired foreign passport, OR
- At least two of:
 - Foreign birth certificate
 - Foreign driver's license
 - Foreign identity or voting card, with photo
 - State driver's license or identity card
 - More (contact MVA)

Prove that you live in Maryland

- At least two of:
 - Vehicle registration or title
 - Utility, telephone, or cable bill
 - Apartment lease
 - Bank account statement
 - Cancelled check with name and address
 - Credit card bill
 - Certified school records
 - More (contact MVA)

Prove that you filed Maryland tax forms for the past two years

- Maryland tax forms from the past two years
- Certification letter from the Maryland Comptroller's Office (see below)

How To Apply

- 1 Gather the required original identity, residence, and tax documents.** See the list above.
- 2 Complete "Form 130, Request for Certification of Tax Filings."** This form may be found at http://forms.marylandtaxes.com/current_forms/130.pdf. If you don't have an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number from the Internal Revenue Service, call 1-800-829-1040 or go to <http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/General-ITIN-Information>.
- 3 Receive a "certification letter" from the Maryland Comptroller's Office.** Call 1-800-MD TAXES or 410-260-7980 to make an appointment, or get the letter online at <https://interactive.marylandtaxes.com/cServices/MVATaxCert>. This letter contains a "Control Number" that is necessary to make an appointment with the MVA.
- 4 Make an appointment at an MVA full-service office.** Go to <http://license.mva.maryland.gov>, or call 410-768-7000. If this is your first driver's license, make sure to ask about study materials for the test.

Frequently Asked Questions

I have lived in MD for the past two years, but did not file taxes. Can I still apply?

- Yes. You may contact the IRS for an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) and to file tax forms for the past two years.

What else can I apply for now?

- The law also applies to learners' permits, moped permits, and state identification cards.

Is the law only for people who had a license before April 18, 2009?

- No. The law allows MVA to issue new licenses.

I am under 18 and have not filed taxes. Can I still apply?

- Yes. Your parent or legal guardian may provide a "certified statement of residency" which must be signed at the MVA.

Can I purchase a firearm with the new license?

- No. The law does not allow license holders to use the license to buy a gun.

Can I enter federal buildings with the new license?

- No. This license will not serve as valid identification for entering federal buildings.