Information Related to the Implementation of the GREENLIGHT LAW

On June 17, 2019 the Driver’s License Access and Privacy Act, also known as the Green Light NY bill, became law in New York State. The law will take effect 180 days from that date. You can find a copy of the bill here.

Here is the information we have now, from the new law and from the current requirements of the NY Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Please note that as the DMV updates its policies to comply with the new law over the next six months, some DMV requirements may change. We will keep you informed about changes as we receive them.

Relevant details in the new law:

- **The law goes into effect December 2019.** This is when undocumented immigrants will be able to apply for a Standard NY driver’s license, which will say “Not for Federal Purposes” on it. Until December 2019 the DMV is NOT processing applications for either driver’s licenses or learner’s permits for undocumented immigrants.

- **If you’re an undocumented immigrant, you will need to provide proof of your age and your identity using any of the following documents:**
  - a valid, unexpired foreign passport issued by the applicant's country of citizenship (which shall also be eligible as proof of age),
  - a valid, unexpired consular identification document issued by a consulate from the applicant's country of citizenship, or
  - a valid foreign driver's license that includes a photo image of the applicant and that is unexpired or expired for less than 24 months from its date of expiration.
• Other acceptable documents may be added to this list later by the DMV Commissioner.

• The DMV requires a US social security number. If you DO NOT have a social security number you will need to provide an affidavit stating that you have not been issued a social security number.

• You will need to provide proof that you are a resident of New York State.
  o The DMV currently allows the following documents as proof that you live here. You will need to bring to the DMV any TWO of the following documents, which must have your name as it appears on your proof of identity document above and your address in New York State:
    ▪ Bank statement with your address
    ▪ Utility bill with your address
    ▪ Pay stub with your address
    ▪ Postmarked mail dated within 90 days of your office visit
    ▪ Federal or NY state income Tax W-2
    ▪ NY State professional license
    ▪ U.S. cancelled check with your address
    ▪ Credit card statement with your address
    ▪ Proof of homeowners/renters insurance
    ▪ Proof of current mortgage
    ▪ Health insurance card with your name and address
    ▪ Other documents that can be used to prove you are a NY resident can be found here.
CURRENT DMV REQUIREMENTS FOR GETTING A DRIVER’S LICENSE

• The first step toward obtaining a Driver's License is to obtain a Learner's Permit.

• Requirements for a Learner’s Permit. In order to obtain a learner’s permit, you need to be 16 years or older and you must take a written test, and present the required documents to the DMV.
  o Written Test: The written test is on the information in the NY State Driver’s Manual.
    ❑ To Pass you must get 14 of 20 multiple choice answers correct.
  o Required Documents: Currently the list of documents the DMV accepts requires that you show proof that you have lawful immigration status. A list of the documents it currently accepts is here.
    ❑ This requirement will change in December 2019, and it may change before then. Keep an eye on the DMV website and OLA’s Facebook page for updates.

• Obtaining a Learner’s Permit: Once you have passed your written test and submitted the required documentation your Learner’s Permit will be mailed to you. This will take up to two weeks.
  o Note a learner’s permit only permits you to drive subject to strict restrictions. You can find those restrictions here.
  o When you go to get your permit, fill out and bring this form.

• To prepare for your road test you must:
  o take a pre-licensing course or driver’s education course. You are required to take a 5-hour pre-licensing course. More information on pre-licensing courses is available here.
    ❑ IF you are under 18 you must also complete 50 hours of supervised driving. More information can be found here and the form is here.
  o NOTE: During this time it is critical you follow all learner’s permit restrictions or your ability to obtain a license will be compromised.
• **Take your Road Test:** Once you have completed the preparations you will need to call and schedule your road test with the DMV. This can be done here. You will need:
  o a valid New York State learner’s permit
  o an original, unexpired Pre-Licensing Course Certificate (MV-278) or a Student Certificate of Completion (MV-285)
  o to schedule a road test by phone: 1-518-402-2100

• **If you pass, you will be given a temporary license.** Keep the temporary license with your photo permit until your new license arrives in the mail (in about 2 weeks).
  o If you fail, reschedule and retake the driving test.

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