

**SD DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
DRIVERS LICENSING PROGRAM**

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**SATELLITE LICENSING LOCATIONS**

To take a drive test at these locations, you must pre-schedule the appointment. To schedule, go online: <https://apps.sd.gov/ps14scheduler/default.aspx> or call 800-952-3696 / 605-773-6883.

**NORTH SIOUX CITY** **2<sup>ND</sup>, 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY**  
205 Sodrac Drive  
Community Center  
8:45am to 4:30pm (Applications accepted until 3:30pm)

**ELK POINT** **1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY**  
106 W Pleasant St  
Elk Point City Hall  
8:30am to 4:30pm (Applications accepted until 3:30pm)

**SD MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION  
VEHICLE TITLE AND REGISTRATION**

State Phone: 605-773-3541  
E-mail: [motorv@state.sd.us](mailto:motorv@state.sd.us)  
Website: [http://dor.sd.gov/motor\\_vehicles/](http://dor.sd.gov/motor_vehicles/)  
Address: 445 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre

County Phone: 605-356-2391  
E-mail: [ucclerk@iw.net](mailto:ucclerk@iw.net)  
Website: <http://unioncountysd.org/treasurer/>  
Address: 209 E Main St, Ste 220, Elk Point

## DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A DRIVER LICENSE

(photo copies are not acceptable)



### Effective 12/31/09 – Various information taken from SD DPS & DHS website

The REAL ID Act, passed by Congress in 2005. REAL ID is a coordinated effort by the states and the Federal Government to improve the reliability and accuracy of state-issued identification documents, which should inhibit terrorists' ability to evade detection by using fraudulent identification. REAL ID implements a 9/11 Commission recommendation urging the federal government to "set standards for the issuance of sources of identification, such as driver's licenses."

In South Dakota, federally compliant licenses and IDs will display the GOLD STAR.

### GOLD STAR RENEWAL:

- South Dakota driver license or ID card
- Two documents proving your residential address, *less than one year old*
- If your name has changed, provide proof of name change (marriage certificate, divorce decree, or court order)
- *Online renewal available every other renewal period -- go to [www.dps.sd.gov](http://www.dps.sd.gov)*

### RENEWAL (NO GOLD STAR) OR NEW TO THE STATE:

1. **One document** proving your date of birth, identity and lawful status or presence. If possible, select a document that has your current full legal name to avoid documenting any name change.
  - Certified U.S. birth certificate
  - Valid, unexpired U.S. passport or card
  - Certificate of Naturalization
  - Certificate of Citizenship
  - Valid Unexpired Permanent Resident Card
  - Valid Unexpired Employment Authorization Document
  - Unexpired foreign passport with valid U.S. Visa with I-94
2. **Check your name.** Is your current full legal name different from the name listed on the identity document you are providing in step 1? Were you previously issued a South Dakota driver license or ID card with a name different from that listed on the identity document in step 1? **If you answered yes to one or both of the questions above, you must document your name change.**

Acceptable documents for proof of a legal name change are a certified marriage certificate (issued by a state vital records agency), a certified adoption document, or a certified court order authorizing a name change (such as a divorce decree). If you have had multiple marriages, you will need to bring similar documents providing legal proof of *each* name change.

3. **One document** to prove your Social Security number. (Medicare cards cannot be used as proof.)
  - Social Security card (the social security card stub or metal cards are not acceptable)
  - W-2 form
  - Social Security Administration 1099 form
  - Non-Social Security Administration 1099 form
  - Pay stub or statement, which includes your name and full Social Security number
4. **Two documents** proving your residential address, *less than one year old.* (Parent's address proof is acceptable for a minor child.)
  - Utility bill
  - Pay stub or earnings statement
  - Rent receipt
  - Phone bill
  - Transcript or report card from accredited school
  - Bank statement
  - Mortgage document
  - Tax document
  - Homeowners/renters insurance policy

### Veterans

Veterans who have been honorably discharged from the military have the option of adding the word "Veteran" to the front of their South Dakota driver license or identification card. In addition to the documents listed above, they will need to present one of the following:

- DD-214 form which shows their honorable discharge status from active duty
- Present a certificate signed by a county or tribal veteran's service officer verifying their status
- DD Form 2 (Retired) or DD Form 2A (Reserve Retired)