Renewing your VA Driver’s License/ID Card after Graduation

If you have a VA driver’s license or ID card, it will probably expire when your I-20 or DS-2019 expires (i.e., when you graduate). If you plan to stay in VA and drive, you must extend it. You can apply to extend your VA driver’s license or ID Card at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). See the Reves website for Williamsburg address, hours, and directions. **When extending, all documents must be originals.**

1. **If you have OPT or AT work authorization that has been approved, you can extend for the length of your work authorization.**

   If you do not yet have an OPT card or AT DS-2019, see option 2 below.

   **Documents required for Student:**
   - Valid passport with F-1 or J-1 visa (even if it’s expired)
   - I-94 card or printout (available at www.cbp.gov/I94)
   - I-20 listing OPT approval period. Once your OPT is approved, you can request this from the Reves Center or DS-2019 showing AT extension
   - For F-1 students only: Employment Authorization Document (EAD) (aka OPT card)
   - For F-1 students only: I-797 Approval Notice (e.g., OPT approval). This is an approval notice that is sent separately from your OPT card. If you did not receive this when you picked up your OPT card, contact the Reves Center, as it often comes one or two days after your card.
   - Proof of VA residency (see * below)
   - Proof of SSN (if you have been issued one)

   **Dependent (must be accompanied by the F-1 student with OPT authorization):**
   - Valid passport with F-2 or J-2 visa (even if it’s expired)
   - I-94 card or printout (available at www.cbp.gov/I94)
   - Dependent I-20 listing OPT approval period or DS-2019 showing AT extension
   - F-1 student will need to present their EAD (OPT card)
   - F-1 student will need to present their I-797 Approval Notice (e.g., OPT approval)
   - Proof of VA residency*
   - Proof of SSN (if they have been issued one)

2. **If you are graduating, but not applying for OPT or AT (or it has not yet been approved), you can extend your license or ID card for your grace period.**

   You have a grace period (60 days for F-1 students, 30 days for J-1 students) where you can legally remain in the US after your I-20 or DS-2019 ends. You can renew your license or ID for this period, but DMV will not extend it if your grace period ends less than 30 days from when you apply.

   - J-1 students: Renew your license/ID card by the date your DS-2019 expires, as your grace period is 30 days after this.
   - F-1 students: Renew your license/ID card at least 30 days before your grace period ends.
OPT: If you applied for OPT but do not have your OPT card, you can also apply for a 60 day extension of your driver’s license or ID. When you receive your OPT card, you can apply for another extension of your license/ID card for the length of your work authorization.

Documents required for Student:

- Valid passport with F-1 or J-1 visa (even if it’s expired)
- I-94 card or printout (available at www.cbp.gov/I94)
- Proof of VA residency (see * below)
- Proof of SSN (if you have been issued one)
- I-20 or DS-2019 (even if it’s expired)
  - F-1 students: The eligibility for the 60 day extension is listed on page 3 of your I-20 under “Instructions to Students”, in the section called, “Period of Stay.”
- Proof of completion of studies (letter from the Registrar’s Office). They usually are not able to issue this until or after May 13, 2016 but you can submit your request in advance.
  - **Undergraduate Students & MBA/MAcc Students**: Complete an Enrollment Verification/Degree Verification Request form and check “Degree Verification.” Submit this form to the Registrar’s office in Blow Hall.
  - Undergraduate exchange: Email Nasha Lewis nlewis@wm.edu
  - Graduate Arts & Sciences: Email Wanda Carter wdcart@wm.edu
  - LLM/JD/Law Exchange: Email Liz Jackson lajac1@wm.edu
  - VIMS: Email Jennifer Hay hay@vims.edu
  - **Graduate School of Education**: Email Wendy Pearson gepear@wm.edu

Dependent (must be accompanied by the F-1 or J-1 student):

- Valid passport with F-2 or J-2 visa (even if it’s expired)
- I-94 card or printout (available at www.cbp.gov/I94)
- Dependent I-20 (even if it’s expired) or DS-2019
- Proof of VA residency*
- Proof of SSN (if they have been issued one)
- F-1 or J-1 student’s proof of successful completion of studies (see above for specific instructions)

* Proof of Virginia Residency

Must show your legal name and Virginia address (physical address, not mailing). Accepted documents include (you only need to show one of these):

- Your current (unexpired) driver’s license or Virginia state ID card
- **Official transcript** from the College of William & Mary
- Current automobile or life insurance bill
- Payroll check stub issued by an employer within the last two months
- US IRS tax W-2 form or 1099 form (not older than 18 months)
- US or VA tax return from the previous year
- Original monthly bank statement not more than two months old
- Utility bill, not more than two months old issued to applicant (such as gas, electric, sewer, water, cable or phone – **cellular phone bills not accepted**)
3. **Moving to another state? Check with your state’s Department of Motor Vehicles for how to get a license or ID card.**
   a. Each state has its own rules and requirements.
   b. In some cases you may want to first extend your VA driver’s license or ID card using the methods above, and then later apply for a new license or ID card in your new state.
   a. If you own a car, check with your new state’s DMV to see if you must title your car in your new state and for how to register your car and get new license plates.