



New York State Department of Motor Vehicles  
**HOW TO APPLY FOR A NEW YORK ENHANCED:**

**Learner Permit**

**Driver License**

**Non-Driver ID Card**

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TO GET AN ↓	YOU MUST →	Bring Proof of							ALSO Bring Your ↓	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (A \$30 enhanced document fee applies in addition to any fees noted below) A MCTD fee, based on county of residence, may also apply (see page 3)
		SSN (see page 3)	Name *	Date of Birth *	US Citizenship *	Residency *	Written Test	Pass Eye Test		
Upgrade to an enhanced license, permit or non-driver ID card from a current NYS document (no other changes)	✓	✓		✓	✓					There is a \$12.50 document processing fee for licenses and permits, \$5 for non-driver ID cards (no fee for an ID card if you are 62 or older AND collect SSI benefits - this also excludes the EDL fee).
Enhanced learner permit for the first time <i>Note: This also applies if your license or permit is expired more than 2 years</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Social Security Card		New drivers receive a permit that can be valid for more than one year. Fee includes a \$10.00 application fee, a \$12.50 document processing fee and a license fee-total will not be more than \$120.00.
Enhanced learner permit (if NYS permit expired within 2 years.)	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	Expired permit <u>or</u> proof of name* Social Security Card		Written test may be waived if you passed the last test within 2 years. If your permit expired more than 2 years ago, you must apply for a new permit. See above.
Enhanced higher class license or to add a license class. <i>Note: If applying for a CDL, see form MV-44.5</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	(except Class D to E)	Current license <u>or</u> proof of name*		An additional license amendment fee is charged if you upgrade to a higher class. You must obtain a learner permit and pass a skills test unless you are changing from a Class D to E. There is a \$40.00 skills test fee if you want a Class A, B, C or Non-CDL C (see page 4).
Enhanced NYS license in exchange for an out-of-state license	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			Out-of-state license Social Security Card	✓	Both the written test and road test may be waived if you hold an out-of-state license that is valid or that expired within the last 12 months. The out-of-state license must have been in effect for six months to qualify for a test waiver (except CDL's). An out-of-state license must be turned in to obtain a New York license.
Enhanced document when replacing a lost, mutilated or stolen NYS license, permit, or non-driver ID card	✓	✓		✓	✓			Old document (unless lost or stolen)		There is a \$12.50 document processing fee for licenses and permits, \$5 for non-driver ID cards (no fee for an ID card if you are 62 or older AND collect SSI benefits - this also excludes the EDL fee).
Enhanced document and change your name	✓	✓ (Proof of your new name)		✓	✓			Current license, permit, or ID card, <u>or</u> proof of former name*		You must present an original US marriage or US divorce record or court issued name change decree, <u>or</u> 6 points of ID in your new name. There is a \$12.50 document processing fee for licenses and permits, \$5 for non-driver ID cards (no fee for an ID card if you are 62 or older AND collect SSI benefits - this also excludes the EDL fee).
Enhanced Senior License (Change from NYS DJ or MJ to enhanced D or M license)	✓			✓	✓			Current license <u>or</u> proof of name*		If you are 17 years old, bring in your Driver Education Certificate of Completion (MV-285). There is a \$5.00 transaction fee.
Enhanced License/ID card while renewing your license/ID card in-person	✓			✓	✓		✓ License Only	Current license/ID card <u>or</u> proof of name*		If your license/ID card expired more than 2 years ago, you must apply for a new learner permit/ID card. If renewing a CDL, see form MV-44.5.
Enhanced non-driver ID card and you never had a license or permit, or your license or permit expired over 2 years ago	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			Social Security Card		Exact fee will be determined when you apply for the ID card. Average fees are \$9 - \$10 for a 4-year card, and \$13-\$14 for an 8-year card. Applicants who are EITHER 62 or older OR SSI recipients are issued a 10-year card for \$6.50. Applicants who are BOTH 62 or older AND SSI recipients are issued a 10-year card for no fee (this also excludes the EDL fee).
Enhanced non-driver ID card and you have a NYS license or permit (current or expired within 2 years)	✓			✓	✓			License or permit <u>or</u> proof of name*		



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↓	→								↓	A MCTD fee, based on county of residence, may also apply (see page 3)
<b>Enhanced learner permit</b> (if enhanced permit expired within 2 years.)							✓	✓	Expired permit <u>or</u> proof of name*	Written test may be waived if you passed the last test within 2 years. If your permit expired more than 2 years ago, you must apply for a new permit. See page 1. There is an additional \$30.00 enhanced document fee.
<b>Higher class license</b> or to add a license class to an enhanced license  <b>Note:</b> If applying for a CDL, see form MV-44.5							✓ <i>(except Class D to E)</i>		Current license <u>or</u> proof of name*	You must obtain a learner permit and pass a skills test unless you are changing from a Class D to E. There is a \$40.00 skills test fee if you want a Class A, B, C or Non-CDL C (see page 4). An additional license amendment fee is charged if you upgrade to a higher class.
<b>Replacement</b> of lost, mutilated or stolen enhanced license, permit, or non-driver ID card		✓							Old document (unless lost or stolen)	Fee is \$17.50 for a replacement license or permit. The fee is \$8.00 for a non-driver ID card valid for either 4 or 8 years. For a 10-year non-driver ID card, the fee is \$6.50 (there is no fee if you are age 62 or older AND collect SSI benefits). If your license or permit is stolen or destroyed as a result of a crime, bring the MV-78B form completed by the police agency or a letter from the police agency (fee may be waived for licenses and permits, but not for non-driver ID cards).
<b>Name change</b> on an enhanced document		✓ (Proof of your new name)							Current license, permit, or ID card, <u>or</u> proof of former name*	You must present an original US marriage or US divorce record or court issued name change decree, <u>or</u> 6 points of ID in your new name. There is a \$12.50 document processing fee for licenses and permits, \$5 for non-driver ID cards (no fee for an ID card if you are 62 or older AND collect SSI benefits).
<b>Enhanced Senior License</b> (Change from enhanced DJ or MJ to enhanced D or M license)									Current license <u>or</u> proof of name*	If you are 17 years old, bring in your Driver Education Certificate of Completion (MV-285). There is a \$5.00 transaction fee.
Enhanced license/ ID card <b>renewal</b> in-person							✓ License Only		Current license/ID card <u>or</u> proof of name*	If your license/ID card expired more than 2 years ago, you must apply for a new learner permit/ID card. See page 1. If renewing a CDL, see form MV-44.5. There is a \$30 enhanced document fee in addition to renewal fees.
<b>Enhanced non-driver ID card</b> & you have an enhanced license or permit (current or expired within 2 years)									License or permit <u>or</u> proof of name*	Exact fee will be determined when you apply for the ID card. Average fees are \$9 - \$10 for a 4-year card, and \$13-\$14 for an 8-year card. Applicants who are EITHER 62 or older OR SSI recipients are issued a 10-year card for \$6.50. Applicants who are BOTH 62 or older AND SSI recipients are issued a 10-year card for no fee. The \$30 enhanced document fee may apply.

\* See form ID-44EDL

## INSTRUCTIONS

**ENHANCED DRIVER LICENSE, LEARNER PERMIT, AND NON-DRIVER IDENTIFICATION CARD** - New York State offers an enhanced driver license, learner permit, and non-driver identification card (EDL) that will meet the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) travel document requirements for land and sea border crossings. As early as June 2009, all travelers who are entering or re-entering the US from Canada, Mexico, and some countries in the Caribbean will be required to present a passport or other approved travel document that establishes the bearer's identity and citizenship. A WHTI-compliant EDL is available to applicants who can prove US citizenship and NYS residency, and can be used instead of a passport for travel by land and sea between the United States and Canada, Mexico and some countries in the Caribbean.

If you are interested in applying for an EDL or upgrading your current NYS document to an EDL, please see forms MV-44EDL and ID-44EDL.

**WHERE TO GET FORMS** - Form MV-44EDL (*Application for Enhanced Driver License or Non-Driver ID Card*), form ID-44EDL (*Proofs of Identity - list of acceptable proofs of name and date of birth*), and form MV-44.5 (*Federal Requirements for Commercial Driver License Applicants*) are available at any Motor Vehicles office and on the DMV website ([www.dmv.ny.gov](http://www.dmv.ny.gov)).

**VISION TEST REQUIREMENT** - New York State law requires that you pass a vision test when you first apply for a driver license and when you need to renew a license. You can take a vision test in any Motor Vehicles office or you can have your vision tested by one of the following providers: a licensed physician, physician assistant, registered nurse, nurse practitioner, ophthalmologist, optometrist, optician, pharmacists who are enrolled in DMV's Vision Registry, staff supervised by any of these providers, and the staff of organizations that are authorized by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles to give the vision test. If you use one of those providers, the provider will either send your vision test results to DMV electronically or give you a completed vision test report form (MV-619) to submit to DMV.

**MINIMUM AGE FOR APPLICATION** - You must be at least 16 years old when you complete a driver license application. Parental consent is required if you are under 18, unless you are 17 years old and have a Driver Education Certificate of Completion (*MV-285*). A non-driver ID card is available if you are under 16, with parental consent. For more information about the WHTI travel requirements for children please visit the following website: [http://www.getyouhome.gov/html/lang\\_eng/eng\\_sa.html](http://www.getyouhome.gov/html/lang_eng/eng_sa.html)

**METROPOLITAN COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT (MCTD) FEES** - Effective September 1, 2009 an MCTD fee applies to all applicants requesting an original or renewal of a license or learner permit who reside in the following twelve counties: Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, Richmond, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Westchester, Nassau, and Suffolk.

**PAYMENT OF FEES** - Make any checks or money orders payable to "Commissioner of Motor Vehicles". Cash and major credit cards are also accepted at any Motor Vehicles office.

**REQUIREMENT TO SHOW SOCIAL SECURITY CARD** - You must show your original Social Security Card the first time you apply for an enhanced NYS permit, driver license or ID card, or if your permit, license or ID card is expired more than two years. However, if you currently have a valid NYS driver license, permit or you have a non-driver photo identification card, that was issued after 12/10/2002, your SSN may already be verified with NYSDMV. If you already have a verified SSN on file you can show one of the following documents instead of your original Social Security Card if it contains your complete SSN:

- ◆ Your Federal or NYS Income Tax form W-2, or
- ◆ Your Federal or NYS Income Tax Earning Statement (1098 or 1099), or
- ◆ A U.S. computer-printed pay stub with your full SSN and your name and address.

**VETERAN STATUS** - If you are a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces who was honorably discharged, you may qualify to have "VETERAN" printed on the front of your current and future photo documents at no charge (all regular transaction fees will apply). Complete form MV-44EDL or your photo document renewal invitation, mark the veteran status box, and bring the form to a DMV office with proof of honorable discharge (DD-214, DD-215, WD AGO 53, WD AGO 55, WD AGO 53-55, NAVPERS 553, NAVMC 78PD, and the NAVCG 553, or "Enlisted Separation Paper"). If your application is approved, a new photo document with "VETERAN" printed on the front will be mailed to you.

**HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE OR CHANGE ADDRESS WITH THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS** - The Voter Registration Application is part of the DMV forms. You can register to vote, or change your address with the Board of Elections, by completing the Voter Registration Application at the same time you are completing form MV-44EDL (*Application for Driver License or Non-Driver ID Card*) OR the MV-2 license or non-driver ID renewal letter. DMV will forward the application directly to the Board of Elections.

**HOW TO ENROLL IN THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S *DONATE LIFE*<sup>SM</sup> REGISTRY** - If you are 18 years of age or older, you may enroll in the Registry through either DMV or the NYS Department of Health (DOH). You can enroll through DMV with form MV-44EDL. Simply read the Organ Donation statement and sign and date the *Donor Consent Signature* line. You can also enroll at renewal time by signing the *Donor Consent* line on your MV-2 renewal form. As of July 22, 2008, your signature on form MV-44EDL or MV-2 constitutes legal consent for donation. Be sure to tell your family that you have legally consented to be a donor upon your death. If you enroll through DMV, the words "**ORGAN DONOR**" will automatically be printed on the front of your DMV-issued photo document.

If you enroll in the *Donate Life*<sup>SM</sup> Registry through the Department of Health, either by telephone at (866) 693-6667 or online at [www.nyhealth.gov](http://www.nyhealth.gov), there will be no donor designation on your DMV photo document. However, you may request to add or remove the donor designation at any time by visiting your local DMV office. There will be no additional fee to have the "ORGAN DONOR" legend added to or removed from your photo document if requested as part of another license, permit or non-driver ID transaction. If you request a change in donor designation on your photo document as an independent transaction, there will be a \$17.50 fee for your replacement photo document.

**NOTE:** Removing the donor designation from your DMV photo document does NOT remove your name from DOH's donor registry. **You must contact DOH directly at the phone number or web address above if you want to remove your name from the Registry.**

**NON-CDL CLASS C LICENSE** - Applicants seeking Farm (F or G) or Tow Truck (W) endorsements will receive an enhanced non-CDL C license.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**WHAT IS THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE TRAVEL INITIATIVE (WHTI)?** The WHTI is a result of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 and requires all travelers to and from the US, Canada, Mexico, and some countries in the Caribbean to present a passport or other approved travel document that establishes the bearer's identity and citizenship. As of January 31, 2008, individuals crossing land and sea borders into the US are no longer allowed to orally declare their citizenship. US citizens ages 19 and older must now present documentation that proves both identity and citizenship, such as a birth certificate and driver license. As early as June 2009, only travel documents approved by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will be acceptable, such as a passport or EDL. For more information on WHTI or to view the current list of approved documents visit the DHS website at: [WWW.DHS.GOV](http://WWW.DHS.GOV)

**WHAT IS A WHTI-COMPLIANT EDL?** A WHTI-compliant EDL is a New York State driver license, learner permit, or non-driver ID that may also be used as identification when re-entering the US by land or sea from Canada, Mexico, or some countries in the Caribbean.

**WHAT CAN THE NYS EDL BE USED FOR?** A NYS EDL can be used as both a driver license document and a travel identification document for land and sea border crossings between the US, Canada, Mexico, and some countries in the Caribbean.

**WILL THE NYS EDL BE ACCEPTED WHEN ENTERING CANADA, MEXICO, OR THE CARIBBEAN?** WHTI establishes travel document requirements for individuals entering or re-entering the US. Although the NYS EDL will be an acceptable document when returning to the US, individuals traveling to Canada, Mexico, or the Caribbean should check with the jurisdiction they will be visiting to determine what documents are required.

**ARE NY DRIVERS REQUIRED TO GET A NYS EDL?** No. Applying for an EDL is optional; drivers are not required to obtain one.

**CAN A PERSON WHO DOES NOT DRIVE GET AN EDL?** Yes. NYS issues an enhanced non-driver identification card.

**WHAT IS THE ADVANTAGE OF A NYS EDL?** An EDL will allow a NYS resident to travel by land and sea between the US, Canada, Mexico, and some countries in the Caribbean without a US passport and will facilitate border crossings. The fee for an EDL is less than the cost of a passport.

