

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE · BOCA RATON

How to Get a Driver's License in Boca Raton, FL: 2026 Guide (FLHSMV, Palm Beach County)

For Boca Raton newcomers and drivers arriving with a Turkish license: documents, exams, fees and the Palm Beach County Tax Collector reservation system.

SHORT ANSWER

New Florida residents must get a Florida driver's license within 30 days of establishing residency. Since February 6, 2026, every knowledge and road exam is given in English only, with no interpreters or other-language exams. Florida waives its tests for licenses from only a few countries, and Türkiye is not one of them, so you will need to pass both tests. There is no Tax Collector office inside Boca Raton; the nearest center is South County in Delray Beach (501 S. Congress Ave). Every center requires a reservation for in-person service, with no walk-ins, and reservations are open only to Palm Beach County residents. The county's fee table lists a Class E license at \$54.25.

Florida's driver's license: the 30-day rule

- **How residency is established.** Starting a job in Florida, enrolling your child in a Florida public school, registering to vote, filing for a homestead exemption, or living in Florida more than 6 consecutive months all establish residency.
- **30 days.** Once residency is established, you have 30 days to get a Florida driver's license before driving on Florida roads.
- **Apply in person.** License and ID card applications are made in person at an office offering driver-license services; a vision test is given.

Since February 6, 2026: exams are English only

In a January 30, 2026 announcement, FLHSMV said that starting Friday, February 6, 2026, every driver's license knowledge (written) AND road (skills) exam, for every license class, is given exclusively in English, including exams administered orally. Previously, non-CDL knowledge exams were offered in several languages; now there are no interpreters and no printed exams in any language but English. The Palm Beach County Tax Collector likewise states that exams are in English only and that outside translation is no longer permitted.

Arriving with a Turkish license

There is no reciprocity with Türkiye. According to the Palm Beach County Tax Collector's list, test waivers apply only to licenses from other U.S. states and a few countries, and Türkiye is not among them. With a Turkish license you take the vision test, the knowledge exam and the road test, both exams in English. For first-time adult applicants (18 and over) the county also lists a traffic law and substance abuse education course (TLSAE).

NOTE FOR IMMIGRANTS

- Noncitizen applicants must show proof of lawful presence: an I-551 for green card holders, or a foreign passport with a valid visa and an I-94 record.
- If you provide an SSN, the name on your application must match Social Security Administration records; if you do not have one, a separate path applies depending on your eligibility.
- The Palm Beach County Tax Collector's page states that it does not issue Florida driver licenses or ID cards to undocumented immigrants, and asks you to bring REAL ID documents. The county publishes separate document checklists for U.S. citizens, Canadians, immigrants and nonimmigrants; review the one that fits your situation before your appointment.
- Original or certified documents are required, so gather them before you apply.

Fees (Palm Beach County table)

ITEM	FEE
Class E license (original or renewal)	\$54.25
ID Card	\$31.25
Replacement of a lost license or ID	\$31.25 (no fee for a stolen one with documentation)
Extra fee on an expired license or ID	\$15.00
Commercial license (CDL)	\$81.25 (\$7 for each endorsement)

These figures come from the Palm Beach County Tax Collector's own fee table and are slightly above the state base fee. A license or ID is valid for 8 years (age 79 and under) or 6 years (age 80 and over). Fees change, so check the current table when you make your reservation.

Tax Collector: where do you go?

CENTER	ADDRESS	NOTE
South County (closest to Boca Raton)	501 South Congress Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33445	License, vehicle and property tax services
Central Palm Beach	4215 South Military Trail, Greenacres, FL 33463	Same services

CENTER	ADDRESS	NOTE
Downtown West Palm Beach	301 North Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33401	The county pages give different floors; confirm when you reserve
North County	3185 PGA Boulevard, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410	
Westlake	16440 Town Center Parkway South, Westlake, FL 33470	
Belle Glade	2976 State Road 15, Belle Glade, FL 33430	

One phone number for all centers: (561) 355-2264. Weekdays 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There is no Tax Collector office inside Boca Raton. Every center requires a reservation for in-person service, with no walk-ins, and reservations are limited to Palm Beach County residents, meaning people who can show a county address (or documentation of an upcoming move here). We could not confirm from the county's pages which centers give the road test, so ask when you reserve. Road tests are suspended when weather is hazardous.

Common mistakes

- Counting the 30-day window from your move-in date rather than from when residency was actually established (job start, school enrollment, and so on).
- Assuming a Turkish license is exempt from testing and skipping exam prep.
- Showing up in Delray Beach without a reservation; walk-ins are not accepted.
- Looking for a Tax Collector office in Boca Raton; the nearest center is in Delray Beach.
- Trying to reserve from outside Palm Beach County; reservations are reserved for county residents.



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