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How to Get a Driver License in Brentwood: 2026 Guide

The only location inside the city limits is a kiosk, and a kiosk does no testing. Testing, document review and a first license all happen at the county's full-service center in the next city.

SHORT ANSWER

The license is a **state matter** and this city has no rule of its own; what is specific here is **geography**. **Research found no full-service driver service center inside Brentwood.** Testing, document review and a first-time license all happen at **the county's center in the next city**. **Here is the easiest mistake:** going to the location nearest home. **The location inside the city limits is a kiosk**, and a kiosk is a machine, not a clerk. The second sentence touches your case directly: **research found no status-independent driving card in this state;** the agency's document lists recognize only three categories, and **the card issued to someone with temporary lawful presence is time-limited**. **This is not a procedural tip, it is a reason to talk to an attorney.**

What happens at which location

We read the state safety department's own location list on **October 12, 2026**. The locations in Williamson County fall into two groups, and **the difference is not on the sign but in the agency's own list**.

LOCATION	ADDRESS	DAYS AND HOURS
Full service, testing available	Franklin Driver Service Center, 3830 Carothers Parkway, Franklin, TN 37067	Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Kiosk	AAA Office Cool Springs Kiosk, 1701 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027	Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Kiosk	Williamson County Rec Complex Kiosk, 7250 Nolensville Rd, Nolensville, TN 37135	Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 5 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday 5 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Kiosk	Williamson Fairview City Hall Kiosk, 7100 City Center Way, Fairview, TN 37062	Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Here is the easiest mistake: someone applying for a first license, or newly arrived from abroad, goes to the location nearest home. **The nearest location here is a kiosk**, and a kiosk **does no testing, reviews no documents and issues no first license**. The agency asks new and returning residents to go to **any full-**

service center; in this county that is **the single full-service location in the county seat**. We write no distance or drive time figure, but we say up front that the trip leaves the city.

What a kiosk is and is not good for

- **What it handles:** routine transactions such as renewals and duplicates.
- **What it does not handle:** a first license, any transaction where documents must be reviewed, the knowledge test, the road test.
- **The practical result:** for a reader newly arrived from abroad a kiosk is **of no use in the first year**; it saves time later.
- **There is a fourth door:** some license transactions can be done at county clerk branches, but there is a price. By the fee schedule's own note, **\$4** is added to **every transaction** handled at a county clerk partner.

WE PRINT A CONTRADICTION: WHICH COUNTY IS THE KIOSK IN

- The state's own location list labels the kiosk inside the city limits as being in **Davidson County**. Yet the location's address is **Brentwood** with the **37027** ZIP code, which is the Williamson County side, and the other Williamson locations on the same list are labeled **Williamson County**. **We take no side; we print the contradiction.**
- **One thing we do state with confidence, because it was measured:** in the census bureau's own mapping service, Brentwood's municipal boundary falls **entirely within Williamson County**, and it only **touches** the county to the north along its boundary line, with no part spilling over. **So Brentwood is not split between two counties.**
- **In practice:** your office for vehicle and license matters is the Williamson County Clerk, and if a clerk names a different county, **confirm yours by showing your address and ZIP code.**

Two things to do before your appointment

- 1 **Fill in the application online.** The agency asks new and returning residents to complete the application through its own online service channel before going to a center; documents can be sent for **pre-approval**, and pre-approval takes **five business days**. **You still have to go to the center with the originals.**
- 2 **Book an appointment, but know it is not offered everywhere.** Transactions you can book include a first issuance, a renewal, a duplicate, name and address changes and the knowledge test. **Arrive fifteen minutes early**; if you are late the appointment is canceled and you join the queue. Centers are closed on state holidays.

Five items on the state side, and all five touch your case

- **Research found no status-independent driving card.** The agency's document lists recognize only three categories: citizenship, lawful permanent residence and **temporary lawful presence**. No fourth route was seen. **We do not say there is none; we say it was not found.**
- **The temporary card costs the same as the ordinary one, but does not last as long.** An ordinary driver license is valid for **eight years** and costs **\$28**; the temporary license also costs **\$28** but is valid only **for the length of your authorized stay**. By the administrative rule's own definition, **if the stay has no definite**

end the term is one year. The gap opens on a lost card: the first duplicate is **\$6** on an ordinary license and **\$26** on a temporary one.

- **The face of the card reveals your status.** In the agency's own sample card image, TEMPORARY DRIVER LICENSE appears in capital letters before the name and the class field shows CLASS XD. That information passes to the other side every time you show identification.
- **There is no test in Turkish, and here we print a contradiction.** The agency's own handbook says the computerized test is given in **three** alternative languages; some news sources say **five**. **We take no side, but Turkish is not on the list either way. Interpreters are prohibited**, a printed dictionary is allowed, an electronic dictionary and a phone are not.
- **That has a fine consequence and we write it as it is.** The state made the credential issued to a person who takes the test **in another language non-renewable and valid for thirty-six months**; when it expires the test is repeated **in English only**. Because Turkish is not offered in the first place, **a Turkish reader takes the test in English and never falls into that regime. This is not a convenience, it is the absence of one**; the real burden is **that the test is in English and interpreters are prohibited**.

A Turkish license, passport translation and other states' credentials

- **A Turkish license is not exchanged.** The agency's own sentence is this: new residents from other countries take **the vision screening, the knowledge test and the road test, all three**. **Türkiye does not appear** on the reciprocity list.
- **Your own credential is returned to you:** the agency surrenders only another U.S. state's credential, not the one your country issued.
- **An international driving permit alone does not give you the right to drive here** and it must have been obtained in your home country. **An English translation of your Turkish passport may be requested.**
- **Two U.S. states' credentials in a certain class are treated as invalid in this state** and the agency publishes those two states by name; if you are moving from another state, check the class of your own credential.
- **On the number side there is a written route:** on a non-star credential the number can be stated **verbally** and verified electronically; **if no number was ever issued**, the agency accepts a **sworn affidavit** signed before the examiner or a notary.

The deadline after you move, and a winter appointment

You are asked to move to a state license within **thirty days** of establishing residency in the state. **There is no digital credential you can carry on a phone in this state**; the agency's own sentence says it is **not currently available**, so you will be carrying the physical card. If you are booking in winter, know the agency's two rules: **the road test is not given in severe weather** (heavy rain or snow, heavy fog, hail, high wind, icy roads) and **it is not given after dark in the winter months**. **Pick an early slot** and allow for the weather canceling your appointment.

Before you go

TASK	WHERE OR HOW
☐ Talk to your attorney first	The agency asks for proof of lawful presence and the type of card depends on your status; discuss which document you will apply with before you assemble the file
☐ Pick the right location	The location inside the city limits is a kiosk and will not handle a first application; testing and document review happen at the county's full-service center
☐ Fill in the application online	Send the documents for pre-approval ; it takes five business days and you still go to the center with the originals
☐ Book and arrive fifteen minutes early	If you are late the appointment is canceled and you join the queue; centers are closed on state holidays
☐ Confirm your county	The state list labels the kiosk inside the city as being in another county , while the measurement shows all of Brentwood is in Williamson County ; show your address and ZIP code
☐ Get your proof of address ready	A utility bill in your name or a lease. And write the address the same way everywhere : license, vehicle registration, lease and school enrollment must agree
☐ Prepare for the test in English	There is no test in Turkish, interpreters are prohibited , a printed dictionary is allowed
☐ Know the extra charge at a county clerk branch	By the fee schedule's note, \$4 is added to every transaction handled there
☐ Account for the zoning side too	In this city, applying for a license using that address is one of the five triggers that make a person a permanent occupant of the dwelling; if you are staying with a relative, read the renting section first



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