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# Driver Licenses in Covington: A Counter Open Two Days a Week, 2026 Guide

A license is a state matter and Covington has no rule of its own here. What this small town does have is its own counter, and that counter's calendar shapes your whole plan.

## SHORT ANSWER

A license is a **state matter** and Covington adds no rule of its own. The state answer is blunt in one sentence: **no credential is issued without evidence of lawful status, not even an identification card**. Status is checked through a federal verification system, a person with temporary status receives a card marked **Restriction 9**, and it **expires on the last day of the lawful stay**. We set out the statute and the document list in [the license section of our Indiana guide](#). What belongs here is local, and among the five settlements covered in this round it is true only here: **the town has its own licensing and registration branch, but it is open two days a week, Tuesday and Thursday. We publish no fee figure**, because the agency's fee table did not open in this research.

## The state side: three sentences, the detail in the state guide

We do not write these three sentences out again, because they work the same everywhere in the state. In short: the statute requires **documentary evidence of lawful status** for an identification card as well; a person with temporary status receives a card carrying a restriction marking; and that card **expires on the last day of the lawful stay**. So an error in your entry record feeds straight into your card. The document list, the tests and the fees also sit on the state side.

| QUESTION                                       | STATE ANSWER                                                                                                                                                |
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| A license without proof of status              | <b>Not issued</b>                                                                                                                                           |
| An identification card without proof of status | <b>Not issued.</b> The statute says the bureau issues an identification card only to a person who has presented valid documentary evidence of lawful status |
| Marking on a temporary status card             | A <b>Restriction 9</b> marking. How it actually appears on the card we <b>could not confirm</b>                                                             |
| Validity with temporary status                 | <b>The last day of your lawful stay</b>                                                                                                                     |
| What a first application asks for              | An identity document, a lawful status document, proof of your Social Security number and <b>two Indiana residency documents</b>                             |
| Fee                                            | <b>Not published.</b> The agency's fee table did not open and third-party sites contradict each other                                                       |

| QUESTION                                   | STATE ANSWER                                                                                |
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| If you arrive with another state's license | No written test, only a vision screening. <b>That is the one exemption we could confirm</b> |

## What two days a week means in practice

The real content of this section fits in one sentence: **here, a licensing errand is not a day, it is a calendar.** The state moved the office in neighboring Veedersburg into Covington, and on our record the branch is open **Tuesday 09:00 to 17:00** and **Thursday 09:00 to 17:00**, closed the rest of the week. So if a document is missing, your second attempt is one more day in the same week at the earliest, or else the following week. In a large city that is an inconvenience; here it is a week.

- **Call before you go and have the document list read to you.** A Tuesday spent on a missing document costs a week.
- **Prefer Tuesday.** If something goes wrong, Thursday is still inside the same week.
- **Know the alternative for other days:** the nearest alternative branch is in the neighboring county seat, Crawfordsville, which our record shows as open Tuesday 09:00 to 18:30 and Wednesday through Friday 09:00 to 17:00. **We publish no distance figure**, because none came from a source.
- **Put the registration errand on the same day.** Registration and licensing are handled at the same counter; two separate weeks at a counter open two days a week is a loss you do not need.

### OUR ADDRESS AND HOURS RECORD IS SECONDARY, AND WE SAY SO PLAINLY

- The branch address and hours reached this research through a summary of a state announcement; **the agency's own site did not open by any route in this round.**
- The address on record is **1319 Pearl Street**, but we could not confirm it from the agency itself.
- Open the agency's own branch map before you set out, book from there, and **confirm on the booking screen which location you are going to.**
- **One call closes two questions:** are you open today, and which documents do you want.

## Two things this town adds

- **A second door in the same building.** On our record the branch shares a building with the state office that takes benefit applications. That means a health and food assistance application and a licensing errand may fit into **one trip**, which for a household without a car is a real gain. **Confirm this arrangement too;** the two offices may have separate doors, their appointment systems are certainly separate, **and do not assume the two units in the same building keep the same days.**
- **The two-residency-document rule gets easier here, for a reason specific to this city.** Electricity, water and sewer all come from the city's own utility. Open the account in your own name and you receive **a bill in your name showing your address**, and in this city that bill will most likely be the first official document bearing your name. **But we could not read the agency's full list of accepted residency documents**, so we have not confirmed that the bill is accepted; take more than two documents.

#### DRIVING ON A TURKISH LICENSE, AND WHETHER THE TEST COMES IN TURKISH: WE FOUND NEITHER

- We could not read an official text **granting a test exemption** to the holder of a foreign license, and we could not confirm any reciprocal exchange arrangement with Türkiye.
- How many days a new arrival may drive on a Turkish license is in the same position. Third-party guides say sixty days and cite a statute, **but the text of that statute as we read it contains no such period.**
- **We also could not confirm that the knowledge test is offered in Turkish.** The agency offers it in several languages, sources contradict each other on how many, and Turkish appears in none of the lists we read.
- **We are not saying none of this exists; we are saying the research could not confirm it.** We gathered the open questions in [the foreign license section of the state guide](#).
- **A practical plan:** get an international driving permit before you leave Türkiye; in the week you arrive, call the branch and ask **in writing** about your window and any exemption; and prepare for both tests as though no exemption exists.

## Can you postpone a license here: the answer is no

In this series the answer was yes for some cities; **not here**. The research found no fixed route bus reaching this town, there is no hospital inside the county, no sliding fee health center could be found in this county, and the state's only immigration court and only apostille office are in another city. Every one of those answers sits at the end of a car trip. So for a newly arrived household the **vehicle decision belongs inside the housing decision**, and the license is the first link in it. **We publish no distance figure**, because none came from a source; but build your plan around this fact.

## Which doors stay open until the card arrives

Plenty still works without an Indiana credential, and here the list is longer than you would expect, because **Covington is the county seat** and the county courthouse is inside the town. For a **library card**, the system's list of accepted photo identification names a passport outright. For a **birth certificate**, a foreign passport sits on the primary list and is sufficient on its own. For a **U.S. passport application**, the county clerk runs an acceptance facility inside the town, and it provides copies on site. So life does not stop while you wait for the card; **only driving does**. We gather the detail in our official offices directory.

- 1 **Open the utility accounts in your own name first**, because the two-document residency rule is most easily filled from there, and in this city all three services sit in one office.
- 2 **Call the branch and have the document list read to you.** Ask about the fee in the same call; we publish no figures.
- 3 **Choose a Tuesday or a Thursday**, preferably a Tuesday. On other days the nearest alternative is in the neighboring county seat.
- 4 **Take more than two residency documents.** We could not confirm the accepted list, and more than you need will help you.

- 5 **Think about your status document's expiry alongside the card's.** With temporary status the card expires on the last day of your stay; put the renewal date in your calendar today.
- 6 **Check your entry record.** An error on [i94.cbp.dhs.gov](https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov) feeds straight into your card's expiry date, and here a correction chain stretches into weeks very easily, because the branch is open two days a week.
- 7 **An address change means two separate notifications:** one to the licensing agency, and, if you are subject to reporting, one to USCIS. The second does not stand in for the first, and **a move inside the city is an address change too.**



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