

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE · HEFLIN

Getting a Driver License in Heflin: The Wednesday-Only Counter, 2026 Guide

The counter is inside town, and the measured answer is this: the only door open to a foreign national reader opens one day a week. The whole plan is built around that sentence.

SHORT ANSWER

The single most practical fact in this guide is a calendar fact: **the state law enforcement agency's license counter is inside town, but it opens on Wednesdays only, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., with a lunch break from 12:00 to 12:30, and no test is started after 3:15 p.m.** Add a second fact and your plan writes itself: in the agency's own office data the **county probate counter does not handle foreign national transactions**, while the state office does. **So the only door open to a foreign national reader opens one day a week.** The problem in a small settlement is not distance, it is the single day. The good news is that both counters sit in **the same building**: 120 Vickery Street.

Start with the calendar: missing a Wednesday costs a week

ITEM	WHAT THE AGENCY PUBLISHES
Days open	Wednesday only
Hours	8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Lunch break	12:00 to 12:30
Test cutoff	No test is started after 3:15 p.m.
Address and telephone	120 Vickery St., Suite 105, Heflin, AL 36264 · 256-540-0064

Read the third and fourth rows together. The office is open until 3:45 p.m., but the last test start is **3:15 p.m.** So arriving late in the afternoon, if you are there to take a test, **can cost you the same week as missing Wednesday altogether.** The hours were read from the agency's own office page on **October 10, 2026**; call before you go anyway.

One building, two counters, two different answers

COUNTER	DAYS AND HOURS	FOREIGN NATIONAL TRANSACTIONS
The state law enforcement agency's county office, 120 Vickery St., Suite 105 · 256-540-0064	Wednesday only, 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.; lunch 12:00 to 12:30; no test after 3:15 p.m.	Available, issuance and renewal

COUNTER	DAYS AND HOURS	FOREIGN NATIONAL TRANSACTIONS
The county probate counter, 120 Vickery St., Room 101 · 256-463-5655	Weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Not available , neither issuance nor renewal

This table reads as one sentence: the counter open every weekday does not handle your transaction, and the counter that does handle it opens one day a week. **Take the Wednesday off, go in the morning, and have your documents ready the day before.**

The measured answer: this is not one county being odd

The state law enforcement agency's own office layer was read for **all 203 offices on October 12, 2026**. The data set carries fields showing whether foreign national transactions are handled, and the result runs in two directions:

OFFICE TYPE	FOREIGN NATIONAL TRANSACTIONS
Local, that is a county counter	Handled at none of them. Of the offices typed local, all 124 of 124 give the same answer, and that holds on both first issuance and renewal. Zero exceptions
State office	Handled at most, but not at all of them. In the same layer six state offices appear not to handle foreign national issuance, and at one of them issuance is absent while renewal is available . That is why we do not write that every state office handles it
The measurement for this town	The state office handles it , issuance and renewal; the county probate counter does not . And the state office is open one day a week

ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL ARE TWO FIELDS, SO ASK TWO QUESTIONS BY PHONE

The data set keeps **first issuance** and **renewal** separately, and the two do not give the same answer at every office. **So do not ask a single question.** At a counter that opens one day a week, asking the wrong question costs a week.

- 1 I am getting an Alabama license for the first time. Do you handle first issuance for a foreign national applicant at this office?**
- 2 I am renewing my Alabama license. Do you handle renewal for a foreign national applicant at this office?**
- 3 Is the oral test option available at this office for applicants who cannot read the written test?**
- 4 What is your cutoff for starting a test this Wednesday?**

Write down every answer **together with the name of the person you spoke to**. These four questions can produce four different answers at the same office.

NAME TRAP: THE NAME ON THE DOOR MISREPORTS THE ANSWER

- **The rule follows the type field in the agency's own data, not the name on the door**, and the two do not always agree.
- An office whose name carries **the agency's acronym** can be typed **local**, meaning foreign national transactions are **not handled** there.
- An office named as a **license office** can be typed **state**, meaning they **are handled**.
- **The result:** do not decide from the name. First confirm the office **type** through [the agency's own office finder](#), then ask the two questions above by phone.

Four things that apply on the state side

- **A new resident has thirty days.** The statute itself requires an Alabama license within **30 days** of establishing residence in Alabama. **At a counter that opens one day a week, that window is four or five attempts in practice**; do not let the first Wednesday go by.
- **Research found no second driving credential independent of status.** The agency's own driver manual asks every first-time applicant for **proof of authorized presence**, and writes that it presumes the applicant's presence in the United States to be **unauthorized** until documents are presented. This door is not a procedural tip, it is **a reason to talk to your attorney**.
- **The written test is given in eleven languages and Turkish is not among them.** An **oral test** option exists for applicants who cannot read it. Ask about it by phone, **before Wednesday**; learning it at the counter costs a week.
- **A Turkish license is not exchanged.** Turkey does not appear among the reciprocity agreements the agency announces, so the license is **obtained from scratch** and the tests are required.

One building, three counters: build the day around it

This is where the town breaks the expectation: **120 Vickery Street is one address holding three separate counters**. The state law enforcement agency's license office is in Suite 105, the county probate office in Room 101, and the county court clerk in Room 202. **So license, plate and passport acceptance business all happen in the same building**. The plate counter and the clerk are open **every weekday**; **the only counter that opens one day a week is the license counter**. If you are handling several errands in one day, **build the order around Wednesday**.

Checklist for before Wednesday

TASK	WHERE OR HOW
☐ Put Wednesday on your calendar	The county probate counter is open every weekday, but foreign national transactions are not handled there
☐ Go in the morning, not in the afternoon	The office is open until 3:45 p.m. but no test is started after 3:15 p.m. , and lunch runs 12:00 to 12:30

TASK	WHERE OR HOW
☐ Ask two separate questions by phone	First issuance and renewal are separate fields in the data set and the answers can differ. The number is 256-540-0064
☐ Ask about the oral test on the same call	The written test is given in eleven languages and Turkish is not among them
☐ Look at the office type, not the office name	Confirm the type through <u>the agency's own office finder</u> ; the name misleads in both directions
☐ Have your documents ready the day before	In this town, arriving with an incomplete file costs a week
☐ Prepare proof of address in week one	First make sure your address exists, then open the water, sewer and trash account in your own name, then electricity
☐ Talk to your attorney about the lawful presence door	The agency asks for proof of authorized presence in its own publication and research found no credential independent of status
☐ Put the thirty days on your calendar	30 days after establishing residence. At a counter open one day a week that means four or five Wednesdays
☐ Do not bring your Turkish license for an exchange	Turkey is not on the reciprocity list; prepare for the tests

One closing sentence, and it is the only shortcut in this guide: in this town the license errand is not a distance problem, it is a **calendar problem**. A reader who uses Wednesday well finishes it in one trip. **We publish no distance or driving time figure**, because no agency text measures it.



TURKISH-SPEAKING IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY IN HEFLIN

Have a question about your immigration status?

Attorney Asim Clinch serves clients across Heflin, in Turkish and English. Free evaluation:
clinchlaw.com/free-evaluation · +1 866-491-7669
 Office: 321 N Central Expy, Ste 206, McKinney, TX 75070

Attorney responsible for this guide: Asim Clinch, Esq., Clinch Law Firm P.C. Attorney Asim Clinch is a member of the Missouri Bar (No. 76084) and practices U.S. federal immigration law.

Attorney advertising. This guide is general information only. It is not legal advice and is not a substitute for the advice of an attorney. Information compiled from official sources as of October 10, 2026; fees and procedures change, so check the official site before you act. Reading this guide does not create an attorney-client relationship. The choice of a lawyer is an important decision and should not be based solely upon advertisements. Latest version: clinchlaw.com/city-guides/heflin-immigration-attorney