

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE · HUNTERTOWN

# Driver Licenses in Huntertown: The Rule Is the State's, the Counter Is Elsewhere

The state writes the rule and the town has no say in it, and there is no counter in town either. This guide separates the two.

## SHORT ANSWER

Two answers, kept apart, because mixing them is the most common mistake made in this town. **The rule itself is a state matter and the town has no authority over it:** Indiana issues **no credential** without proof of lawful status, neither a driver license nor an identification card. A person with temporary status receives a card marked **Restriction 9**, and it **expires on the end date of the lawful stay**. We set out the statute in [the license section of our Indiana guide](#). **The second answer is geography, and that is what belongs here:** we found no license and registration branch in Huntertown, the nearest ones are in Fort Wayne, and **we print no branch address** because the research turned up four separate addresses that **contradict one another**. **We print no fee figure either.**

## What the town does, and what it does not

We put this separation at the top of every guide, because in a small settlement going to the wrong door is the expensive mistake. The items the town organization actually runs are few, and the driver license is not among them. The town bills **water, sewer and trash**, runs its own fire department, and decides zoning and local matters on its own council. Driver licenses, vehicle registration, identification cards and tests belong to **the state agency**; the court, the library, the marriage license and property tax belong to **the county**; the hospital, transit and the airport are in the larger city to the south. **This whole guide is built on that separation.**

| QUESTION                                       | THE INDIANA ANSWER                                                                                                                 |
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| A driver license without proof of status       | <b>Not issued</b>                                                                                                                  |
| An identification card without proof of status | <b>Not issued.</b> The statute requires evidence of lawful status for the ID card too                                              |
| A trace of status on the card                  | A <b>Restriction 9</b> marking. How it actually appears on the card we <b>could not verify</b>                                     |
| Validity on temporary status                   | <b>The last day of your lawful stay</b>                                                                                            |
| What a new application asks for                | One identity document, one lawful status document, proof of your Social Security number and <b>two Indiana residency documents</b> |

| QUESTION                                      | THE INDIANA ANSWER                                                                          |
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| Fee                                           | <b>Not printed.</b> The agency's fee schedule never opened and third-party sources conflict |
| A counter in town                             | <b>We found none.</b> The nearest ones are in the larger city to the south                  |
| If you arrive with another US state's license | No written test, only a vision screening. <b>This is the only waiver we could verify</b>    |

## Why we print no address at all

This is not caution, it is a measurement. The state licensing agency's own site never opened by any route during this research; search results gave **four different addresses** for the city to the south and none of them could be confirmed from the agency's own pages. **Going to the wrong address costs half a day from this town**, because every errand here is a trip. There is only one correct route: open the agency's own branch map, book there, see on the booking screen where you are going, and **do not set out without confirming by telephone**. A wasted trip costs more from a small settlement than it does from a city.

### THE TWO-RESIDENCY-DOCUMENT RULE, AND THIS TOWN HAS AN ADVANTAGE

- The last item on a new application is **two Indiana residency documents**, and in most settlements in this series it is what trips up a tenant: when the utilities are folded into the rent, nothing is ever issued in the tenant's name.
- **It is different here, and you should use it:** water, sewer and trash are billed by **the town's own utility**, and if you open the account in your own name you end up holding **a document in your name carrying your address**. One call starts all three services: **260.637.5058**.
- **The same document helps at three more doors in this guide:** as the second matching document the school district asks for, as proof of address for a library card, and as proof of county residency at the marriage license counter.
- **One caveat:** we could not read the agency's full list of accepted residency documents this round, so **we have not verified that a utility bill is accepted**. Take more than two documents and read the list on the booking screen with your own eyes.

#### DRIVING ON A TURKISH LICENSE, AND WHETHER THE TEST IS IN TURKISH: WE COULD NOT FIND OUT EITHER

- We could not read an official text showing that Indiana grants a test waiver to the holder of a valid foreign license, and we could not confirm an exchange arrangement with Türkiye.
- We could not establish **how many days a newcomer may drive on a Turkish license** either. Third-party guides say sixty days and cite a statutory section, **but the text of that section as we read it contains no such period.**
- **We also could not verify whether the knowledge test is offered in Turkish.** The agency offers it in several languages, the sources conflict on how many, and Turkish appears in none of the lists we read.
- **We are not saying there is nothing; 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; call the agency in the week you arrive and ask **in writing** what your window is and whether any waiver exists; and prepare for both tests as though there were none.

## Which doors stay open until the card arrives

There are things you can do without an Indiana credential, and knowing them makes the wait manageable. **For a library card**, the county system's own page lists **passports and birth certificates** among the identification it accepts, and writes proof of address as **preferred** rather than mandatory. **For a birth certificate**, a foreign passport is on the primary identification list and is **sufficient on its own**. **For a marriage license**, the county clerk's own list names the passport. So life does not stop while you wait for the card; **the only thing that stops is driving**, and driving means more here than in the other settlements, because as [our driving guide explains](#) the research found no fixed bus route reaching this town.

#### THIS IS EASTERN TIME, AND THAT IS A CONVENIENCE

- **Allen County is on Eastern time. Twelve counties** in the state are on Central time with an hour between them, but this county is not on that list.
- **What it means in practice:** every hour published by a state agency is **your own hour**. The licensing agency's booking screen, the state revenue line, the apostille office, the immigration court and the statewide free legal aid line need no conversion at all.
- **A reader in the northwest corner of the state has to read the same table an hour earlier; you do not.**
- **The one exception is the Turkish side:** the Consulate General in Chicago is on Central time and **you have to add an hour to every published time**. We tabulate that in our consulate guide, and it is the only time conversion you make in this series.
- Indiana observes daylight saving and Türkiye does not, so the gap to Türkiye **shifts twice a year on its own**. The 2026 fall-back date is **November 1**.

- 1 Open the utility account in your own name first, on 260.637.5058.** In this town your first official document is likely to be that bill, and the two-residency-document rule starts being filled there.
- 2 Book through the agency's own system** and see on the booking screen where you are going. This guide gives no address and no fee.

- 3 **Take more than two residency documents.** We could not verify the list of accepted documents.
- 4 **Try to book registration on the same day.** One trip to the city to the south instead of two is a genuine saving from this town.
- 5 **Think about the expiry of your status document and the expiry of the card together.** On temporary status the card ends on the last day of your stay; put the renewal date in your calendar now.
- 6 **Check your entry record** at [i94.cbp.dhs.gov](https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov). An error there lands directly on the expiry date of your card.
- 7 **A change of address means two separate notifications:** one to the license agency and, if you are subject to reporting, one to USCIS. The second does not replace the first, and **a move inside the town is a change of address too.**



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