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How to Get a Driver's License in Naperville: the Diehl Road Facility, No-SSN Applications and Turkish License Rules, 2026 Guide

The driver services facility that moved in November 2025, the appointment rule, the four document groups, the tests, the fees and the 90 days you have on a Turkish license.

SHORT ANSWER

The Illinois Secretary of State (SOS) issues licenses and Naperville has its own facility, but the address changed. The office moved in November 2025 from 931 W. 75th Street to 1771 W. Diehl Road, Unit 110, and it is appointment only. Hours are weekdays 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 7:30 to noon. Phone 312-793-1010; book at 800-252-8980. A four-year license is \$30 for ages 21 to 68. The Temporary Visitor Driver's License (TVDL) is gone: an applicant with no SSN now gets a standard license marked "Federal Limits Apply."

LEARN THIS IN YOUR FIRST WEEK: WHICH COUNTY ARE YOU IN?

Naperville straddles two counties and the line is **87th Street**. The city's own contact page says it plainly: north of 87th Street is in DuPage County, south of 87th is in Will County. Your marriage license, birth certificate, property tax, jury summons and low-income utility help all change with that line. Which side you are on shows up on your lease, on your property tax bill and in your city utility record. **The good news: your driver's license is not affected.** Licenses come from the state, not the county, so both sides go to the same facility with the same documents.

What to know before you start

- **Do not go to the old address.** The office moved in November 2025 and the old address (931 W. 75th St., Suite 161) still shows up in many map apps and commercial sites. The right address is 1771 W. Diehl Road, Unit 110, Naperville, IL 60563.
- **Appointments are required.** The facility's own record says "Drivers and Vehicle Appointment Required": both driver and vehicle transactions are by appointment. Book at apps.ilsos.gov/dlexamcheck or on 800-252-8980; the facility's own line is 312-793-1010.
- **One counter, several tasks.** The SOS set this up as a one-stop shop: licenses, REAL ID, titles, plates, sticker renewal, disability placards, the written test, the road test and motorcycle tests are all done here. You do not have to go to Chicago or Wheaton.
- **The TVDL is over.** Public Act 103-0210 barred the issue of a Temporary Visitor Driver's License after July 1, 2024. SOS facility records still show TVDL lines in the service list; that line belongs to a repealed rule.

- **Türkiye is not on the consular ID list.** The consular IDs the SOS accepts are only those of Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala and Mexico. A Turkish applicant's document is a passport.
- **A Turkish license is not exchanged and the IDP is not recognized.** Türkiye is not on the SOS no-test exchange list. New residents may drive on a valid Turkish license for 90 days only, and an International Driving Permit does not extend that.
- **The written test is in English.** We found no Turkish test and no Turkish Rules of the Road book. We also found no official statement that a holder of a foreign license is excused from the road test, so plan on taking it.

Step by step

- 1 **Book the appointment.** Do not wait for the 90 days to run out; check the calendar in your first week in town.
- 2 **Bring one document from each of four groups.** Signature (A), date of birth and legal status (B), SSN (C) and Illinois residency (D). REAL ID needs two documents from group D, and originals are required.
- 3 **Surrender your old license.** The SOS requires you to hand in every license and ID issued by another state or another country.
- 4 **Take the tests.** Vision screening, a 35-question written test for a Class D license and a road test if required. Road tests stop 30 minutes before closing and are not given after dark; bring the insurance card for the car you drive.
- 5 **Plan how you will pay.** Cash, check and credit or debit cards are accepted (cards carry a transaction fee). Payments made out to the Illinois Department of Revenue must be by check or money order.
- 6 **Wait for the card.** You leave with a temporary paper license and the real card arrives by mail. Report any address change to the SOS within 10 days.

The four document groups

GROUP	WHAT IT PROVES	COMMON DOCUMENTS FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS
A	Signature	Passport, credit card, signed debit card
B	Date of birth and legal status	Green card (I-551), employment authorization card (I-766), I-797A, Form I-94 with a valid passport, U.S. visa. A foreign passport alone is not enough; a second group B document is required with it.
C	Social Security number	SSN card, W-2, SSA-1099, pay stub showing the full SSN
D	Illinois residency	A lease, the city electric and water bill, a Nicor bill, a bank statement or a letter from a government agency dated within the last 90 days. Two originals for REAL ID. Full list in the SOS acceptable documents brochure dated June 17, 2025 .

The Naperville driver services facility

ITEM	DETAIL
Address	1771 W. Diehl Road, Unit 110, Naperville, IL 60563
Phone	312-793-1010 (booking 800-252-8980)
Hours	Weekdays 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 7:30 a.m. to noon, closed Sunday
Appointments	Required, for both driver and vehicle transactions
Services	First license, renewal, duplicate, instruction permit, written and road tests, motorcycle test, vision screening, REAL ID, plates, sticker renewal, title transfer, disability placard, address change
Payment	Cash, check, credit and debit cards (cards carry a transaction fee)
Old address	931 W. 75th St., Suite 161 · no longer current, still showing in map apps
Source of the hours	The November 2025 opening announcement; they may have changed since, so confirm on the SOS facility finder when you book

If you cannot get an SSN

- **What changed:** instead of the TVDL, applicants who cannot get an SSN now apply for the standard four-year license. The card is marked "Federal Limits Apply"; it is not a REAL ID and is not enough identification for a domestic flight or a federal building.
- **If you have a USCIS or DHS document:** you can present the document showing you are permitted to be in the United States in place of an SSN.
- **If you have no such document:** the SOS requires proof of **twelve months of Illinois residency** for a first license.
- **Fee:** \$30. The same documents also get you a \$20 state ID card with no test.
- **It is not voting eligibility:** the card is identification and a driving permit. If voter registration is offered at the Diehl Road counter and you are not a U.S. citizen, do not fill in the form.

Fees (2026)

TRANSACTION	FEE
License (ages 21 to 68, 4 years)	\$30
License (ages 18 to 20 and 69 to 80)	\$5
Class D instruction permit (first / renewal)	\$20 / \$10
State ID card (ages 18 to 64, 5 years)	\$20
Duplicate license	\$5

Do I need a REAL ID?

Domestic flights and some federal buildings require a REAL ID or another accepted document such as a passport; a REAL ID card has a gold star in the top right corner. The Naperville facility does REAL ID. According to the [SOS REAL ID page](#), TSA accepts only the printed card, not the temporary paper document you leave the counter with, so if you are flying out of O'Hare or Midway, wait for the card to arrive.

IF YOU ARE NOT A CITIZEN

- Your license is issued to match the period you are permitted to stay. Bring the originals of your passport, visa, I-94 record and any I-797 receipts to the appointment; a wrong I-94 can sink the application. Check your record at i94.cbp.dhs.gov beforehand.
- An application that meets REAL ID requirements also counts as a voter registration application. If you do not want to be registered, check the decline box on the form. Registering or voting without citizenship is a federal crime.
- If you are subject to the address-reporting requirement, you must also report your new address to USCIS within 10 days of moving (Form AR-11); holders of A and G visas and Visa Waiver visitors are exempt. Telling the SOS does not satisfy that.

Common mistakes

- Going to the old address on 75th Street. The facility moved to Diehl Road in November 2025.
- Turning up without an appointment. Both driver and vehicle transactions are by appointment.
- Planning around the TVDL. The program ended on July 1, 2024.
- Assuming a Turkish license converts without a test, that an IDP is enough, or that the test is offered in Turkish.
- Bringing photocopies. Originals are required.
- Waiting for the 90 days to expire. Without an SSN the twelve-month residency rule also applies.



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