

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE · PUYALLUP

How to Get a Driver's License in Puyallup: 2026 Guide

This guide is about Washington State on the Pacific coast, not Washington, D.C. There is no office in the city: the two nearest Pierce County offices, appointments, applying without an SSN and the fees.

SHORT ANSWER

First, the thing to know: **there is no driver licensing office in Puyallup**. Licenses come from the state Department of Licensing (DOL), and the two nearest offices in Pierce County are Parkland (2502 112th St E, Suite 200, 253-536-6220) and Lakewood (6010 Main St SW, Suite 102, 253-593-2990). You have 30 days after you move, and the license comes before vehicle registration. No SSN is required. A first license is \$111 for 6 years or \$131 for 8.

The driver licensing offices nearest Puyallup

OFFICE	ADDRESS	HOURS	PHONE
Parkland (Pierce County)	2502 112th St E, Suite 200, Parkland WA 98445	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed at weekends	253- 536- 6220
Lakewood (Pierce County)	6010 Main St SW, Suite 102, Lakewood WA 98499	Closed Monday; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	253- 593- 2990
Kent (King County, to the north)	25410 74th Ave S, Kent WA 98032	Closed Monday, open Saturday (confirm the hours)	253- 872- 2782

The practical difference between the two is this: **Lakewood opens on Saturdays and Parkland does not**. If you cannot take a weekday off, look for a Saturday appointment in Lakewood. The hours come from DOL's [office locator](#) and change often, so confirm them when you book. Both offices handle new licenses and learner permits, ID cards, renewals, name and address changes, driving records and replacement cards. DOL customer line 360-902-3900 (TTY 711). No official figure is published for the distance between Puyallup and Parkland, so we give no travel time here; measure the trip on a map once before your appointment.

Before you start

- **A Turkish license is not exchanged.** You take both the knowledge test and the drive test; a Turkish license counts only as supporting evidence. For someone arriving from Türkiye the easiest combination is a

foreign passport carrying an I-94 together with the U.S. visa.

- **No SSN needed.** Give the number if you have one; if not, sign a declaration saying you have none and the transaction still goes ahead.
- **Turkish is not a test language.** The knowledge test is offered in 12 languages (English, Spanish, traditional and simplified Chinese, Korean, Russian, Vietnamese, Japanese, Arabic, Punjabi, Tagalog, Ukrainian) and the driver guide in 17; Turkish is in neither. The answer is an interpreter: at least 5 business days ahead, email languageaccess@dol.wa.gov with your name, phone, language, office and appointment time.
Because there is no office in Puyallup, send that email the day you book: if you miss the appointment, finding a second free slot can take weeks.
- **There is no star-marked REAL ID.** Washington's federally accepted card is the Enhanced Driver License and it goes to U.S. citizens only. A green card or visa holder gets a standard license marked "Federal limits apply".
- **New from November 1, 2026:** first-time Washington license applicants under 25 must complete a free online course.

Step by step: your first license

- 1 **Book an appointment** and decide which office: Lakewood if you need a Saturday.
- 2 **Bring original documents.** DOL refuses copies, scans and photos on a phone.
- 3 **Give your SSN if you have one, or sign a declaration.**
- 4 **Take the tests.** The knowledge test needs 32 correct out of 40 and the drive test is passed at 80 of 100. At 18 and over, no learner permit or driving school is required. Vision screening happens at the office.
- 5 **Wait for the card.** The temporary paper license is good for 45 days and the permanent card arrives by mail in 7 to 10 days. If it has not come in 30 days, call 360-902-3900.

Fees (2026)

ITEM	FEE
First license	\$111 (6 years) / \$131 (8 years)
Learner permit (1 year)	\$35
License renewal	\$61 (6 years) / \$81 (8 years)
Standard ID card instead of a license	\$61 (6 years) / \$81 (8 years)
Replacement card, or a name or address change	\$20

Offices take cash and checks, and cards at most locations, with a vendor fee. The full document lists are in our [Washington state guide](#).

If you marry or change your name

A name or address change on the card is \$20, but **the order matters: Social Security Administration first, then DOL**, then USCIS and the passport. Washington sets no deadline and changing your name is not required. What DOL wants is a **certified copy** of the marriage certificate, and for Puyallup that copy comes from the **Pierce County Auditor** rather than King County: 2401 S 35th St, Room 200, Tacoma WA 98409, marriage line 253-798-7435, \$3 per copy. Certified copies are not sent automatically, so you have to ask; since you are making the trip to Tacoma, get at least two. You do not have to leave town for the first step: Puyallup has its own SSA office at 811 South Hill Park Dr, Suite A.

NOTE FOR IMMIGRANTS

- A standard Washington license gives no immigration status, and the card does not show your residency. Keep your passport with you when you board a plane or enter a federal building.
- **Getting a license can land you on the jury list.** Washington builds its jury pool by combining the voter roll with DOL records, so someone who never registered to vote can still be summoned. If a summons arrives, do not ignore it: sign the eligibility declaration that comes with it and send it back. A noncitizen cannot serve on a jury.
- DOL staff will offer you voter registration during your transaction. If you are not a citizen, decline and answer the citizenship question truthfully.



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