

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE · REDMOND

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

This guide is about Washington State on the Pacific coast, not Washington, D.C. The city's own DOL office, its Saturday hours, applying without an SSN and the fees.

SHORT ANSWER

Licenses come from the state Department of Licensing (DOL), not the city, and Redmond has its own driver licensing office: 7225 170th Ave NE, 425-649-4281. It is closed on Mondays and open on Saturdays. DOL says on its own page that walk-in service is extremely limited, so book an appointment. 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 Redmond office hours

DAY	HOURS
Monday	Closed
Tuesday and Wednesday	8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Thursday	9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday	8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday	8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

The address is 7225 170th Ave NE, Redmond WA 98052, phone 425-649-4281. The office handles new licenses and ID cards, renewals, name and address changes, replacement cards, driving records and Enhanced Driver License applications. The commercial license (CDL) drive test is not given here; only the CDL knowledge test is, and it stops 90 minutes before closing. The hours come from DOL's [office locator](#) and change often, so confirm them when you book. Nearby alternatives are Shoreline (15809 Westminster Way N), Seattle-Queen Anne (450 3rd Ave W) and Tukwila (200 Andover Park E, Suite 3). DOL customer line 360-902-3900 (TTY 711).

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 the Redmond office is closed on Mondays, appointments fill fast**, so send the interpreter request the day you book.
- **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.** Walk-in service is extremely limited.
- 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

The full document lists and statewide rules are in our [Washington state guide](#).

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.
- If your name is spelled differently across documents, sort it out before the appointment. The name on the card has to match your USCIS and SSA records later.
- DOL staff will offer you voter registration during your transaction. If you are not a citizen, decline and answer the citizenship question truthfully.

Common mistakes

- Going to the Redmond office on a Monday, when it is closed.
- Walking in without an appointment.
- Bringing photocopies of documents.
- Leaving the interpreter request until test day.
- Expecting to register a car at this office: **there is no vehicle licensing agency in Redmond**, and the nearest one is in Bellevue.



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