

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE · ROCKVALE

How to Get a Driver License in Rockvale: 2026 Guide

There is no license site here at all. All five sites are at and around the county seat, and testing is done at the one full-service center.

SHORT ANSWER

Here is the answer first, because every section of this guide connects back to it: **Rockvale has no city government, and there is no license site here at all.** The state safety department's own location list contains **no entry under Rockvale**; all of the sites are **at and around the county seat**. Of the two centers there, **only one is full service and testing is done only there**; the agency's own note on the second reads No testing is done at this location. The remaining three sites are **kiosks**, which are machines, not clerks. **We do not write any distance or drive time**; we name the place and you work out the trip. **And here is the sentence that touches your case**: in this state **research found no status-independent driving card**, and the card issued to someone with temporary lawful presence is **limited-term**. **That is not a procedural tip, it is a reason to consult a lawyer.**

Five sites, and they do not substitute for each other

We read the state safety department's own location list on **October 12, 2026**. The sites in Rutherford County break down as follows, and **none of them is in Rockvale**.

SITE	ADDRESS	DAYS AND HOURS
Full service, testing is done here	Murfreesboro Driver Service Center, 1035 Samsonite Blvd., Murfreesboro, TN 37129	Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Branch where no testing is done	Murfreesboro Express Driver Service Center, 3906 Blaze Drive, Murfreesboro, TN 37129	Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The agency's own note: No testing is done at this location
Kiosk	Linebaugh Public Library Kiosk, 105 W Vine, Murfreesboro, TN 37130	Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Kiosk	MTSU Student Union Kiosk, 1768 MTSU Blvd, Murfreesboro, TN 37132	Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday noon to 10:30 p.m.
Kiosk	La Vergne Public Library Kiosk, 5063 Murfreesboro Rd, Lavergne, TN 37086	No hours given in the agency's list; call before you go

Separate the three doors this way: if you are testing or getting a license for the first time, **only the full-service center**; if your documents will be examined, again **the full-service center**; if you are renewing a card you hold or replacing one you lost, **a kiosk**. **Going to a kiosk without knowing what it is is the easiest mistake in this guide:** a kiosk is a machine, not a clerk, and **it is not suitable for testing, first issuance or document review**.

There is also a fee difference: every license transaction handled at a county clerk branch carries **\$4** in administrative fees on top of the state fee. That is the note on the agency's own fee schedule.

The numbers, and the inequity inside them

We read the agency's own fee schedule on **October 12, 2026**. Put two figures side by side and the result hits your wallet directly.

ITEM	VALIDITY	AMOUNT
Regular driver license	8 years	\$28
Limited-term driver license	Length of authorized stay	\$28
First duplicate of a regular license	Lost or reissued	\$6
First duplicate of a limited-term license	Lost or reissued	\$26
Limited-term photo ID	Length of stay	\$9.50
Limited-term learner permit	Length of stay	\$28
Every transaction at a county clerk branch	On top of the state fee	plus \$4

Read the table in two sentences. First: someone whose card is good for one year pays **the same money** as someone who gets an eight year card. Second, and the practical one: **losing your wallet does not cost the same**. If you carry a limited-term card, keep a copy of it and its number somewhere separate.

Two things to do before you go

- 1 Fill out the application online and send your documents for pre-approval.** The agency recommends that new and returning residents complete the application through its own online service channel before coming in; documents can be sent for **pre-approval**, and pre-approval takes **five business days**. **You still have to bring the original documents to the center.**
- 2 Make an appointment.** Transactions you can book include first issuance, renewal, reissue, name and address change and the knowledge test; **appointments are not available at every center and the types vary by center**. Arrive **fifteen minutes early**; if you are late the appointment is canceled and you are put in line. Centers are **closed on state holidays**. **For a Rockvale resident without a car this matters twice over:** the county's demand-response service requires a reservation, and a missed appointment means a new reservation.

Five items on the state side, and all five touch your case

- **Research found no status-independent driving card.** All three of the agency's document lists recognize only three categories: citizenship, lawful permanent residence and **temporary lawful presence**. No fourth path was seen. **We do not say there is none, we say it could not be found.**
- **The card issued to someone with temporary lawful presence is limited-term.** By the administrative rule's own definition the card is valid **for the length of the authorized stay; if the stay has no definite end, the term is one year**. And **the face of the card gives away your status:** in the agency's own sample image the words TEMPORARY DRIVER LICENSE appear in capitals before the name, and the class field reads CLASS XD. That information passes to anyone you show ID to.
- **There is no exam in Turkish.** The agency's own handbook states the computerized test is given in **three alternative languages**, and Turkish is not among them. **Interpreters are banned**, a printed dictionary is allowed, an electronic dictionary is not. **We also print a contradiction:** some news sources write that the test is offered in **five** languages, while the agency's own handbook says **three**. **We do not pick a side, but either way Turkish is not on the list.**
- **And a subtle consequence, written exactly:** a state law enacted in 2026 provides that if someone who cannot read and speak English is tested in another language, the resulting credential is **non-renewable and valid for thirty-six months only**, and when it expires the test is given **in English only**, with **dictionaries, electronic devices and interpreters prohibited**. **Because there is no Turkish exam in the first place, a Turkish reader takes the English test and does not fall into that regime. That is not a convenience, it is the absence of one;** the real burden is that the test is in English and interpreters are banned.
- **A Turkish license is not exchanged.** The agency's own sentence requires new residents from other countries to take **the vision screening, the knowledge test and the road skills test, all three**; Türkiye does not appear on the reciprocity list. **Your foreign license is not surrendered, you keep it.** An **English translation** may be requested for a Turkish passport, and **an international driving permit alone does not grant driving privileges**; that permit must be obtained **in the home country**.

THREE SMALL BUT EXPENSIVE DETAILS

- You are required to obtain a state credential within **thirty days** of establishing residency.
- **Certain classes of credential from two states are not recognized here:** the agency lists Connecticut and Delaware by name. If you are moving from either, check the class on your card.
- **There is no digital license on your phone in this state;** the agency's own sentence reads currently not available in Tennessee. You will carry a physical card.

The number question

Someone applying for a card that does not meet the federal identification standard may **state their Social Security number verbally**, and the agency verifies it electronically. **For a card that does meet the federal standard**, a certified document showing the number is required. **If no number has ever been issued**, the agency has its own path: a **sworn affidavit** signed before a driver license examiner or a notary.

Winter test appointments: the agency's two written limits

There are two sentences in the agency's own driver handbook and both affect your appointment. First: **road tests are not given in severe weather**, and the agency names heavy rain and snow, dense fog, hail, high winds and **icy roads**. Second: **road tests are not given after dark during winter months**. Winter is real in this state: the transportation department's statement of **January 25, 2026** described the ice as **statewide** and asked drivers not to travel. **Practical result:** if you book during winter, **choose an early slot** and allow for the weather canceling it.

OFFICE-LEVEL LIMITS: WE WRITE THE LIMIT OF OUR MEASUREMENT PLAINLY

- In some states agencies publish, as data, which office handles **non-citizen transactions**. **Such a field was searched for in this state and not found:** the agency's location data carries name, address, hours, phone and county, but **no service list**.
- **That does not prove there is no office-level limit.** The only written distinction the agency draws is between **full service** and **a branch where no testing is done**, and the agency asks new residents to go to **any full-service center**.
- **We are not giving you a shortcut:** call before you go and ask about **your transaction by name**. Write down the answer and who you spoke with.

Order of operations for the first week

- 1 **Talk to your lawyer first.** The agency requires proof of lawful presence and the type of card depends on your status; discuss which document you will apply with before you assemble your file.
- 2 **Pick the right door:** testing is done only at the full-service center and that center is at the county seat; the no-testing branch is not for document review; a kiosk handles routine transactions only.
- 3 **Plan the ride the same day.** There is no fixed-route bus here; the county's dial-a-ride service requires **twenty-four hours** notice for a local trip.
- 4 **Fill out the application online and send documents for pre-approval;** pre-approval takes five business days.
- 5 **Get your proof of address ready.** Here electricity comes from a **cooperative** and water from a **utility district**; a bill in your name is useful at many counters. **And write the address the same way everywhere:** your license, your vehicle registration, your lease and your school enrollment should match.
- 6 **Prepare for the test in English,** and choose an early slot if you are booking in winter.
- 7 **Tie the vehicle work to this:** a valid state driver license or state photo ID, **even a limited-term one**, is sufficient on its own for vehicle registration.



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