

OBTAINING A DRIVER'S LICENSE

If you've never had a Driver's License:

- You can obtain an instruction permit by completing the [California Driver's License Application](#), and scheduling an appointment with the DMV, where you'll need your proof of identity and residency, pay the application fee, pass a vision exam, take a photo, and take the knowledge test.
- Questions on the knowledge test are based on the [California Driver Handbook](#), and passing with a score of at least 80%.
- Once you complete the requirements of the instruction permit, you can take the driving test to get a full driver's license.

If you've previously had a Driver's License that has expired:

- California licenses can only be renewed up to 60 days after the expiration. Past this date, you must complete a new [California Driver's License Application](#).
- If it's been two years since your license expired, you will have to retake the road skills test

If your Driver's License is suspended:

- How to reinstate your license varies depending on the reason why it was suspended.
- If you were previously arrested for driving under the influence (DUI), you will have been given a notice of suspension or revocation form.
- Once the suspension or revocation period is over you must pay a \$125 reissue fee to the DMV and file proof of financial responsibility (insurance)
- More information specific to your circumstances can be found at this site: <https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/driver-education-and-safety/dmv-safety-guidelines-actions/>

DMV Fees:

Application Type	Fee
Driver's License Class C Application Fee (Original or Renewal)	\$41
Replacement fee or info update	\$33
Road skills Retest	\$8

- Other fees can be found here: <https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/driver-licenses-identification-cards/licensing-fees/>