

# Bluefield State University

## DMV INFORMATION

The policies and procedures stated below apply to the State of West Virginia only. Other states may have a different set of criteria for international students in F-1 student status wishing to obtain a driver's license or state identification (ID) card. New students should wait 10 days after check-in before going to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to obtain a driver's license or state ID card. Many people visit the DMV each day, so waiting times can be long. Because of this, you should plan accordingly. If you will visit the DMV with friends who also need to apply for a driver's license or state ID card, be sure to visit the DMV early to allow plenty of time during the DMV's business hours.

### DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES (DMV)

[www.transportation.wv.gov/dmv](http://www.transportation.wv.gov/dmv)

#### Required documents:

- ✓ Valid foreign passport with English translation
- ✓ Current form I-94 (available online at: <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/home> )
- ✓ Visa issued by the United States
- ✓ Current I-20 or DS-2019
- ✓ UNEXPIRED Status Verification Letter from the Office of International Student Services verifying your status and attendance at Bluefield State University (\*Status Verification Letters for the DMV expire after 20 days from the issue date on the letter.)
- ✓ Social Security Card (\*If do not have a job on-campus or are otherwise ineligible for a social security number, you must show proof that you have applied for a social security card and have been denied)
- ✓ Two (2) proofs of West Virginia residency (a list of acceptable documents can be found on the DMV website at <http://www.transportation.wv.gov/DMV/Drivers/Pages/Drivers-Licenses.aspx>)

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **What is a state identification (ID) card?**

A state ID card is used only for identification purposes. Documentation required is the same for both the driver's license and state ID card.

#### **Can I drive with my international license or foreign driver's license?**

You may driver with an international driver's license for 90 days or a foreign driver's license for 30 days.

#### **Will I have to take a written test or a driving test?**

If it will be your first time applying for a driver's license in the US, you will be required to take both a written test and a driving test (also called a road test). If you have an unexpired license from another state in the US, then you will only be required to take a written test.

#### **Should I register to vote or apply for Selective Service?**

Be sure to answer NO to registering to vote and leave the Selective Service box blank or put N/A.