



**How to Obtain State IDs & Other Important Documents**  
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**Do You Need A Birth Certificate?**

The NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is the place to do it. If you are applying in person remember to:

- Bring proper [identification](#)
- Be prepared with all fees (see below) that apply



**Location** Room 133 at 125 Worth Street in lower Manhattan (please enter on Lafayette or Centre Street)

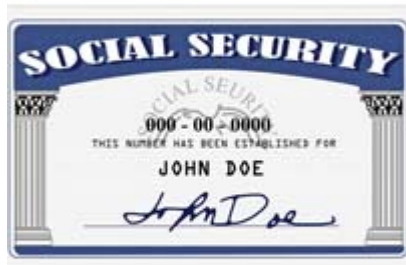
**Hours** Open Monday-Friday, excluding [holidays](#), 9:00am-3:30pm

**Cost** Online: \$15 + \$8.30 mailing and service charge

In-person: \$15 for each copy after the original

**Payment** Acceptable payment methods include: credit card, debit card, check or money order (made payable to the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene). No cash payments accepted.

For more information, please call the Department of Health at: 212-788-4520 or click [here](#)



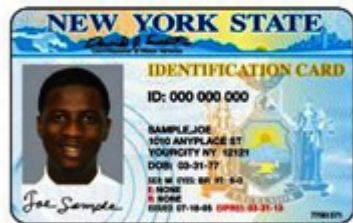
## Do You Need A Social Security Card?

When applying for a Social Security Card:  
Please remember:

- To have original documents proving:  
[age, citizenship, and identity](#)
- To have a completed [application](#)

\*Take your completed application into your nearest [Social Security Office](#)

If you have any questions, please call a Social Security Representative at: 1-800-772-1213 or click [here](#)



## Do You Need A NYS Non-Driver's ID?

There are a few things that you need to be prepared for when applying for your first NYS Non-Driver's Identification Card:

- Complete the [MV-44](#) form
- Have proof of your name
- Have proof of your date of birth
- Have your social security card
- Be ready to pay any fees that may apply

[Locate](#) the nearest Department of Motor Vehicle Center and bring these documents in!

If you have any questions, please call 1-212-645-5550 or click [here](#)



## Do You Need A Selective Service Registration Number?

Young men between the ages of 18 and 25 must register with Selective Service. Be sure to have your Social Security Number and proof of birth readily available!

- Registering [online](#) is quick and easy

If you have any questions, please call 1-888-655-1825 or click [here](#)



## Do You Have Your Passport?

Follow these seven steps if you are at least 16 years of age and applying for the first time:

Fill Out Form [DS11](#)

1. Submit your DS11 form to the nearest [Passport Agency](#) or [Passport Acceptance Facility](#) ( i.e. local Post Office)
2. Submit Proof of US [Citizenship](#)
3. Present [Identification](#)
4. Submit a Photocopy of the [Identification Document\(s\)](#) submitted in Step4
5. Pay all [Fees](#) that apply
6. Submit one [passport photo](#)

If you have any questions, please call 1-877-487-2778 or click [here](#)



## Do You Need A Driver's License?

To apply you must be 16 years of age or older.

- If you are under the age of 18, you must get parental consent and also sign the [MV-44](#) form. If you are 17 years old, a parent's consent is not required if you have the Driver Education Student Certificate of Completion. For information, see [Beginner Drivers](#) and/or [Learner's Permits for Beginner Drivers](#).
- You have to pass the vision, written, and driving tests. See [Practice Tests](#) and [Driver's Handbook](#) for more information on the written exam. [Driver education](#) programs can help prepare for their road test.
- Applicants must provide six points of acceptable [proof of identification](#) and your social security card

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## Do You Need To Register To Vote?

To register to vote in the City of New York, you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States (Includes those persons born in Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands).
- Be a New York City resident for at least 30 days.
- Be 18 years of age before the next election.
- Not be serving a jail sentence or be on parole for a felony conviction.
- Not be adjudged mentally incompetent by a court.
- Not claim the right to vote elsewhere (outside the City of New York).

Although you can register any time during the year, your form must be delivered or mailed at least 25 days before the next election for it to be effective for that election.

If you have any questions, please call 1-866-868-3692 or click [here](#)

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