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Effective January 1, 2010, there are new requirements for applying for a driver's license. It used to be the driver's license was simply a document allowing you to operate a motor vehicle. Now it is the most requested form of identification. Federal regulations now into effect require the following documents when applying for a new, duplicate or renewal of a driver's license.

**ONE** of the following for proof of identity, date of birth, and lawful status:

CERTIFIED U.S. birth	Valid unexpired permanent resident card
Valid unexpired U.S. passport	Valid unexpired employment authorization document
Certificate of Naturalization	Foreign passport with valid unexpired U.S. Visa with I-94
Certificate of Citizenship	

*If your name is different than the name on your identity document,* you will need to bring additional proof of your legal name. Acceptable documents for proof of legal name are a certified marriage certificate (issued by a state vital records agency), a certified adaption document, or a certified court order authorizing a name change (such as a divorce decree).

**ONE** document to prove Social Security number. The documents below serve as proof of Social Security number:

Social Security card	Non-SSA 1099 Form
W-2 Form	Pay stub (must include name and social security number)
SSA 1099 Form	

**TWO** documents to prove your principal address. A parent's proof of address is acceptable for a minor child. Please bring **TWO** of the documents listed below (each must contain your current address and have been issued within the last 90 days):

Utility Bill	The following must have been issued within the last year:
Credit card statement	Bank statement
Pay Stub or earnings statement	Mortgage document
Rent Receipt	Tax Document
Phone bill	Homeowners/renter's insurance policy
Transcript or report card from accredited school	

I know this may be inconvenient for most of us to gather these documents, but the new rules will help establish a more secured use of driver's license as an ID and help address the concern for national security, identity theft, in addition to highway safety.

If you have questions check the website [www.dps.sd.gov/licensing/driver\\_licensing/default.aspx](http://www.dps.sd.gov/licensing/driver_licensing/default.aspx) or call the central Driver Licensing Program office at 1-800-952-3696.

In addition the fees for driver's licenses went up. For a class 1-2or3 the fee is \$20.00  
Commercial driver License- \$25.00  
Commercial Driver License Endorsement Tests-\$10.00 for each test  
Duplicate Driver License or ID-\$10.00  
Reinstatement Fees- \$50.00 to \$200.00

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