

## **NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

### **DL Application – Foreign License Reciprocity**

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment DL Application – Foreign License Reciprocity s. 343, a proposed guidance document.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION**

Comments may be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 21 days by:

1. Department's website: <https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/dmv/license-drvs/how-to-apply/dl-reciprocity.aspx>

2. Mailing written comments to:  
Division of Motor Vehicles  
Wisconsin Department of Transportation  
4822 Madison Yards Way  
PO Box 7336  
Madison, WI 53707-7336

### **WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

The final version of this guidance document will be posted at [wisconsin.gov](https://wisconsin.gov) to allow for ongoing comment.

### **AGENCY CONTACT**

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# Foreign driver license reciprocity

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Foreign motorists from France, Germany, the Republic of Korea (South Korea) or Taiwan (Republic of China) who apply for a class D Regular Wisconsin driver license may be eligible to have the knowledge and skills tests waived. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation has reciprocal agreements for driver licensing with these countries.

To be eligible under the reciprocal agreement, all persons must meet the following requirements:

- Must be at least 21 years of age and have 3 years driving experience
- Foreign license must not be expired

Additionally, the following are required for each country.

## France

To exchange your French driver license for a Wisconsin driver license, you must complete the following:

- Appear at a Wisconsin DMV [Customer Service Center](#) and bring the following documentation:
  - Proof of [Name and Date of Birth](#)
  - Proof of [Legal Presence in the United States](#)
  - Proof of [Identity](#)
  - Proof of [Wisconsin Residency](#)
  - Your [Social Security Number](#) (if you possess one or are eligible for one)
  - Your driver license from France
- Completed [MV3001](#) application
- DMV will provide you with an additional form to complete. It will be submitted to the French Consulate to verify your driving status
- After you have applied at the DMV, you will need to contact the French Consulate to pay for the verification of your driving status. You will receive a response from DMV within 15 days after you have contacted the Consulate.
  - Email: [contract@consulfrance-chicago.org](mailto:contract@consulfrance-chicago.org)
  - Phone: (312) 327-5200
- After you receive your approval letter, return to a DMV Customer Service Center to have your Wisconsin license processed. You will need to bring the following:
  - The approval letter
  - Your driver license from France
  - Proof of [Name and Date of Birth](#)
  - Proof of [Legal Presence in the United States](#)
  - Proof of [Identity](#)
  - Proof of [Wisconsin Residency](#)
  - Your [Social Security Number](#) (if you possess one or are eligible for one)
  - Completed [MV3001](#) application
- Pass a basic vision exam
- Pay the required driver license [fee](#)

Upon completion of the application process, your French driver license will be collected and sent to the French Consulate. You will receive a [Temporary Driving Receipt](#) which will serve as your valid Wisconsin driver license until your card arrives in the mail in approximately ten days.

## Germany

To exchange your German driver license for a Wisconsin driver license, you must complete the following:

- Appear at a Wisconsin DMV [Customer Service Center](#) and bring the following documentation:
  - Proof of [Name and Date of Birth](#)
  - Proof of [Legal Presence in the United States](#)
  - Proof of [Identity](#)
  - Proof of [Wisconsin Residency](#)
  - Your [Social Security Number](#) (if you possess one or are eligible for one)
  - Your driver license from Germany
- Pass a basic vision exam
- Completed [MV3001](#) application
- Pay the required driver license [fee](#)

Upon completion of the application process, your German driver license will be returned to you. You will receive a [Temporary Driving Receipt](#) which will serve as your valid Wisconsin driver license until your card arrives in the mail in approximately ten days.

## South Korea

To exchange your Korean driver license for a Wisconsin driver license, you must complete the following:

- Obtain an English translation of your Korean driver license. This document must be produced and certified by the Consulate of the Republic of Korea in Chicago, IL.
  - Email: [chicago@mofa.go.kr](mailto:chicago@mofa.go.kr)
  - Phone: (312) 822-0413
- Upon receipt of the translation, appear at a Wisconsin DMV [Customer Service Center](#) and bring the following documentation:
  - Proof of [Name and Date of Birth](#)
  - Proof of [Legal Presence in the United States](#)
  - Proof of [Identity](#)
  - Proof of [Wisconsin Residency](#)
  - Your [Social Security Number](#) (if you possess one or are eligible for one)
  - Your driver license from the Republic of Korea
  - The English translation of your Korean driver license from the Korean Consulate
- Pass a basic vision exam
- Completed [MV3001](#) application
- Pay the required driver license [fee](#)

Upon completion of the application process, your Korean driver license will be returned to you. You will receive a [Temporary Driving Receipt](#) which will serve as your valid Wisconsin driver license until your card arrives in the mail in approximately ten days.

## Taiwan (Republic of China)

To exchange your Taiwan driver license for a Wisconsin driver license, you must complete the following:

- Appear at a Wisconsin DMV [Customer Service Center](#) and bring the following documentation:
  - Proof of [Name and Date of Birth](#)
  - Proof of [Legal Presence in the United States](#)
  - Proof of [Identity](#)
  - Proof of [Wisconsin Residency](#)
  - Your [Social Security Number](#) (if you possess one or are eligible for one)
  - Your driver license from Taiwan
  - An International Driving Permit or a notarized translation of the driver license issued by the Taiwan (Republic of China) Consulate General (also known as the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office) in Chicago.
    - Email: [chi@mofa.gov.tw](mailto:chi@mofa.gov.tw)
    - Phone: (312) 616-0100, ext. 302
- Pass a basic vision exam
- Complete the  [MV3001](#) application
- Pay the required driver license [fee](#)

Upon completion of the application process, your Taiwan driver license will be returned to you. You will receive a [Temporary Driving Receipt](#) which will serve as your valid Wisconsin driver license until your card arrives in the mail in approximately ten days.

Driver Eligibility Unit  
Email [Wisconsin DMV email service](#)  
Phone (608) 264-7447

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