

**Information on Obtaining a CA Driver's License(DL)/ Identification (ID) Without a Social Security Number (SSN)**

**In order to obtain a DL/ID without a SSN, please follow the step-by-step instructions below.**

- 1) Go to the local DMV and submit a DL/ID application. These applications can be found at the DMV. There is a fee of \$24 for a DL/ID or \$20 for just a photo ID
- 2) After submitting the application, take the receipt for this application. Staple it to the sheet titled: Information Regarding the Social Security Administration and Social Security Number. This sheet can be found at the DMV office. Bring this paper with the receipt to the SSA office.
- 3) The SSA will notify the DMV directly that you are not eligible for a SSN. It usually takes up to 4 weeks to complete the verification process.
- 4) You should return to the DMV to complete your DL or ID application once the SSN verification is done. They will not contact you, you must contact them.

**DMV and SSA Office location and hours:**

**Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV)**

1180 Canyon Del Rey Blvd., Seaside

Hours: 8:00-5:00 pm M, T, F  
9:00-5:00 pm W  
8:00-6:30 pm Thursday

Phone: 1 (800) 777-0133

**Social Security Administration (SSA)**

Salinas Social Security Office  
24 East Alvin Drive, at the corner of North Main Street.

Hours: 9:00-4:00 Weekdays

Phone: 1 (831) 443 - 9195

For Information on SSA part-time office location and hours in the Monterey Area go to [http://faculty.miis.edu/docs//ois/e\\_social\\_security\\_number\\_issues/ssn.doc](http://faculty.miis.edu/docs//ois/e_social_security_number_issues/ssn.doc)



**Information regarding the  
Social Security Administration and  
Social Security Numbers**

Various federal and state laws require the California of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to collect your Social Security Number (SSN). In addition, DMV verifies the SSN, name, and birth date on our records with the Social Security Administration (SSA). DMV will not issue or renew a driver license (DL) or identification (ID) card until SSA verifies the information submitted is correct. It is advisable to start your DL/ID application at DMV before contacting SSA, even if you do not have a SSN. SSA will determine if you are eligible for a SSN or if documentation is to be provided to DMV that may allow a DL/ID card to be issued.

**Start the DL/ID application at your local DMV office.**

1. If you do not have a SSN, you will be referred to SSA. Take your DMV receipt, stapled to this informational letter, to a SSA office.
2. If SSA issues you a SSN, and if:
  - All the driver licensing requirements have been met, call, fax, or mail the SSN to DMV at:  
Phone: (916) 657-7790  
Fax: (916) 657-0877  
Mail: Department of Motor Vehicle  
P.O. Box 942890  
Sacramento, CA 92290-0001

In addition to your SSN, you must provide the information identified on your DMV receipt.

**OR**

- You have not completed your application, return to your local DMV office, provide your SSN and continue your application process.

The new information will be submitted to SSA for verification. When all requirements have been met and SSA verifies the SSN, a DL/ID card will be issued.

3. If SSA determines that you are not eligible for a SSN, but appear to be legally in the United States, SSA will notify DMV. DMV will update your record with the information received directly from SSA and:
  - If all licensing requirements have been met, your DL/ID will be mailed to you.

**OR**

- Return to your local DMV office to continue your application process.
4. If it is determined that you are not eligible for a SSN due to being in the United States illegally, you are not eligible for a DL/ID card. **It is not necessary to contact your local DMV field office.**
  5. Documents provided to you by SSA are for your information only and will not be accepted by DMV. Only documentation sent directly to DMV from SSA will be accepted.