

186.435 Application for operator's license by driver who becomes Kentucky resident -- Verification of status in other jurisdiction -- Procedures for permanent residents -- Application of driver who becomes Kentucky resident.

- (1) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, a licensed driver who becomes a Kentucky resident shall, within thirty (30) days of establishing residency, apply for a Kentucky operator's license to the Transportation Cabinet.
- (2) The Transportation Cabinet shall, before issuing a person a Kentucky operator's license, verify through the National Drivers Register that the person applying for a Kentucky operator's license does not currently have his or her operator's license or driving privilege suspended or revoked in another licensing jurisdiction.
- (3) A person who is not a United States citizen but who has been granted permanent resident status by the United States Department of Homeland Security, United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, and who is a Kentucky resident, shall follow the same procedures for applying for an original, renewal, transfer, or duplicate operator's license as persons who are United States citizens.
- (4) A licensed driver from another jurisdiction who:
 - (a) Is not a United States citizen;
 - (b) Has not been granted permanent resident status by the United States Department of Homeland Security, United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services;
 - (c) Becomes a Kentucky resident; and
 - (d) Wishes to operate a motor vehicle;shall, within thirty (30) days of establishing residency, apply for a Kentucky operator's license under the provisions of KRS 186.4121.

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