



How to Prepare for a Learner's Permit Appointment

A Learner's Permit is the first step towards a Driver's License in Massachusetts

Why do you need a Learner's Permit?

- A learner's permit gives you permission to legally drive in Massachusetts while you practice your driving skills and prepare for your road test.

You will need the following to apply for a Learner's Permit:

- ☒ A completed **Driver's License, Learner's Permit or ID Card Application** form
- ☒ To be at least 16 years of age
- ☒ Proof of Massachusetts Residency (2 for REAL Permits/Driver's Licenses or 1 for Standard Permits/Driver's Licenses)
- ☒ Proof of Lawful Presence (all REAL ID Permits/Licenses or Standard commercial licenses) or Proof of Identity and Date of Birth (Standard passenger (Class D) or motorcycle (Class M) permits/driver's licenses)
- ☒ Proof of Social Security Number or Status

Please Note:

- All documents must be originals; photocopies will not be accepted. Documents may not be laminated. Any documents that are not in English **MUST** be accompanied by a certified translation document.
- Learner's Permits are valid for 2 years. If your permit expires, you'll need to reapply and retake the knowledge exam.

Key Information

Are you a first-time driver?

- The [Mass.Gov/RMV](https://www.mass.gov/RMV) website includes a step-by-step guide that explains the process to apply for a passenger (Class D) learner's permit and driver's license. Steps to get a driver's license, parent/guardian information, safe driving tips, as well as study materials are included. Visit <https://www.mass.gov/guides/first-time-driver-start-here>

Follow the steps below to prepare for a Learner's Permit appointment:

Step #1: Navigate to the myRMV Online Service Center webpage.

Either select this [Mass.Gov/MyRMV](https://www.mass.gov/MyRMV) hyperlink to go directly to the webpage or open a new browser window and enter [mass.gov/myRMV](https://www.mass.gov/myRMV) into the address bar.

- **NOTE:** For the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles main webpage visit [Mass.Gov/RMV](https://www.mass.gov/RMV).

Step #2: Select Prepare for Your Learner's Permit Appointment in the Driver's License and Learner's Permit panel.

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What would you like to do?

myRMV Online Service Center

Reservations/Appointments Access My Profile Business Services

Professional Licenses Renew My Registration Renew My Driver's License

Driver's License and Learner's Permit
Apply for permit, renew or replace a license, or select one of our many CDL options here.

- > Prepare for Your Learner's Permit Appointment
- > Renew My Driver's License
- > Replace My Driver's License

More...

Massachusetts IDs
The RMV issues Mass ID cards to non-drivers who are residents of Massachusetts.

- > Apply for a Real ID
- > Apply for a Mass ID
- > Renew My Mass ID

More...

Vehicle Registration
All motor vehicles or trailers must maintain a valid registration. Vehicle registrations must be renewed every 1 or 2 years depending on the plate type.

- > Renew My Registration
- > Title and Register My Vehicle
- > Replace My Registration

More...

Step #3: Select the permit type that you want to apply for.

- For example, select **Class D Passenger Permit**.

What permit type are you applying for?

- Class A Commercial Permit
- Class B Commercial Permit
- Class C Commercial Permit
- Class D Passenger Permit
- Class M Motorcycle Permit

Any single motor vehicle or motor vehicle and trailer weighing not more than 26,000 lbs., such as passenger cars, station wagons, pick-up trucks, etc., and two-wheel vehicles meeting the legal definition of a "motorized bicycle".

Have you ever had Massachusetts credential?

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Step #4: Answer the *Massachusetts Credential* questions. Select *Continue*.

- If you have previously held a Massachusetts License, Permit, or ID card, answer Yes to the first question.
- If you currently have an out of state License, Permit, or ID card, answer Yes to the second question.

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Have you ever had Massachusetts credential?". It contains two questions, each with "Yes" and "No" radio button options. The first question is "Have you ever been issued a Massachusetts License, Permit or Identification Card?". The second question is "Do you currently have an out of state License, Permit or Identification Card?". A blue "Continue" button is located at the bottom right of the form.

Step #5: Review the *Transaction Information* on the *Get Ready* page. Select *Next*.

The screenshot shows the "Learner's Permit Application" page. On the left is a sidebar with "Permit Application" and "Get Ready". The main content area is titled "Transaction Information" and contains text explaining the application process. At the bottom right, there are "Previous" and "Next" buttons, with "Next" being highlighted.

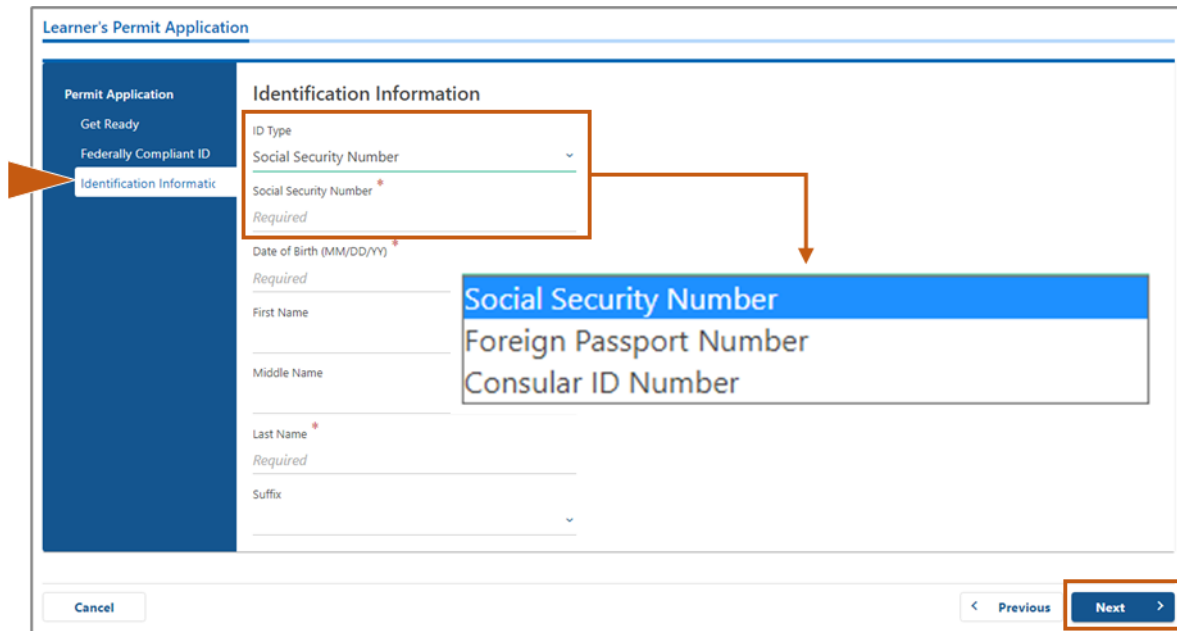
Step #6: Select the *REAL ID* or *Standard ID* toggle on the *Federally Compliant ID* page. Select *Next* to continue.

- For example, select **Standard Massachusetts License/ID**.

The screenshot shows the "Learner's Permit Application" page, specifically the "Federally Compliant ID Selection" section. It explains that customers must choose between a "Standard Massachusetts Driver's License/ID card" and a "REAL ID Massachusetts Driver's License/ID card". Below this, there are two toggle switches: "REAL ID Massachusetts License/ID" (which is currently turned off) and "Standard Massachusetts License/ID" (which is currently turned on). A blue "Next" button is located at the bottom right.

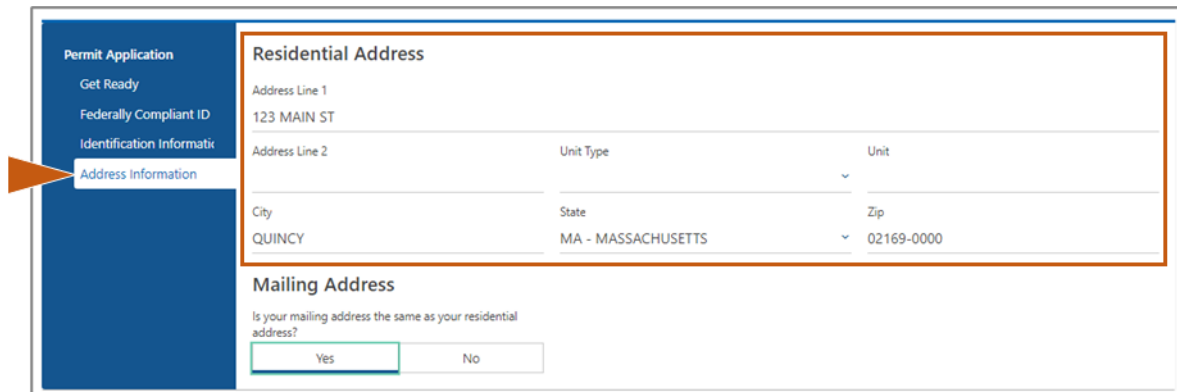
Step #7: Complete all fields on the *Identification Information* page. Select *Next*.

- Select the **ID Type** that applies to you from the drop-down list. Enter the number in the field below.
 - **NOTE:** Applicants with a social security number (SSN) must provide their SSN for online verification.



Step #8: Enter your Residential Address at the top of the *Address Information* page.

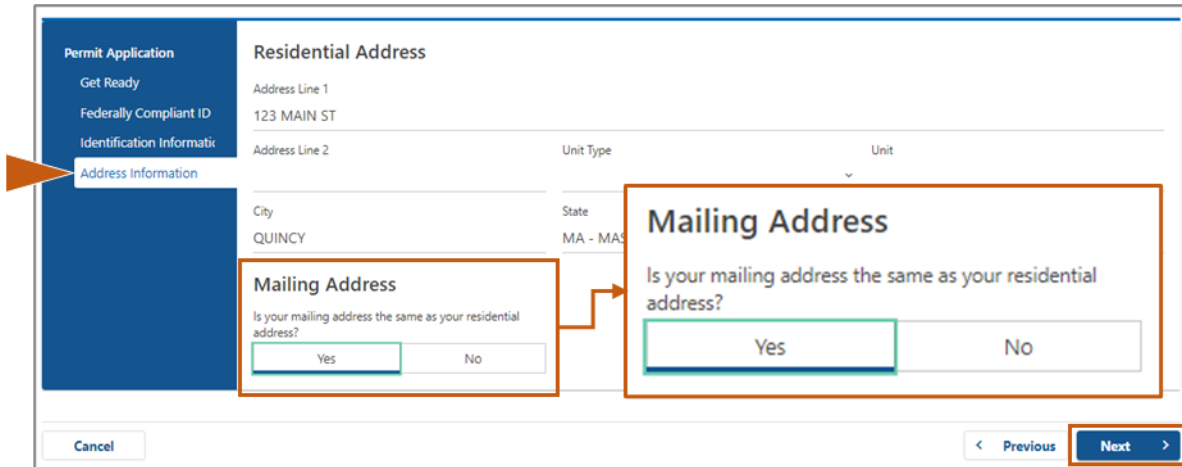
- You must enter a street address as your residential address. A Post Office Box or "in care of" address cannot be used for a residential address.



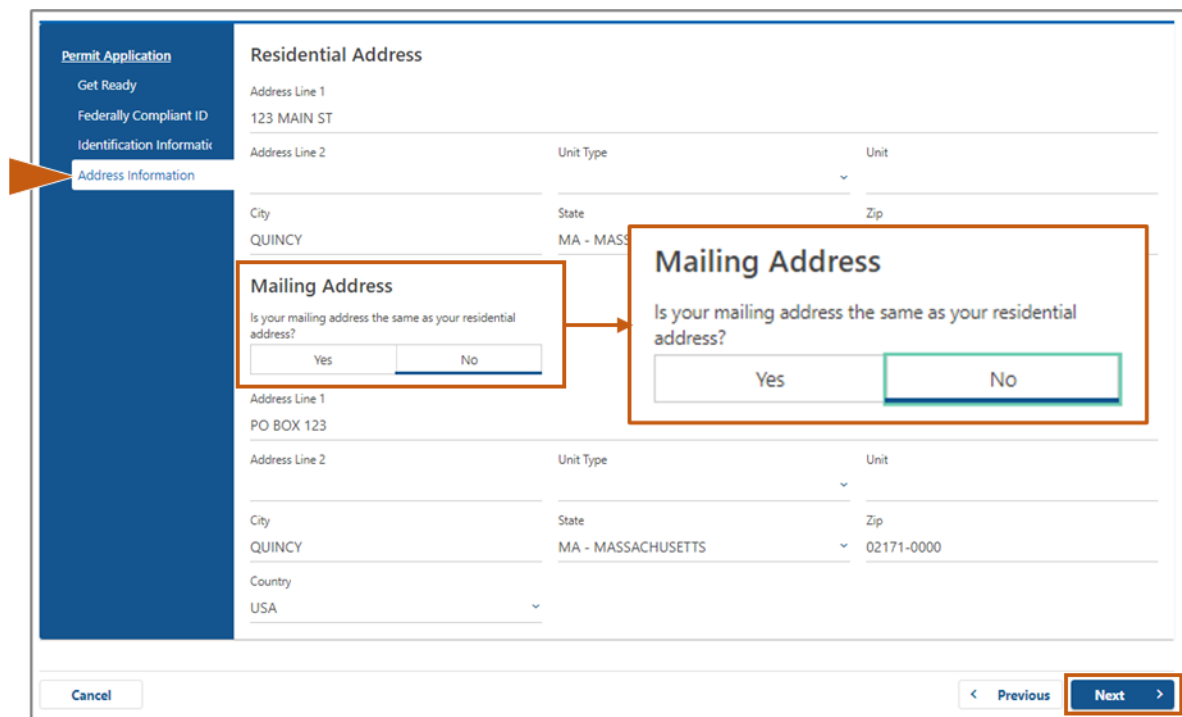
Step #9: Enter your Mailing Address. Select *Next* to continue.

Answer the question “Is your mailing address the same as your residential address?”

- Select **Yes** if your mailing address is the same as your residential address.

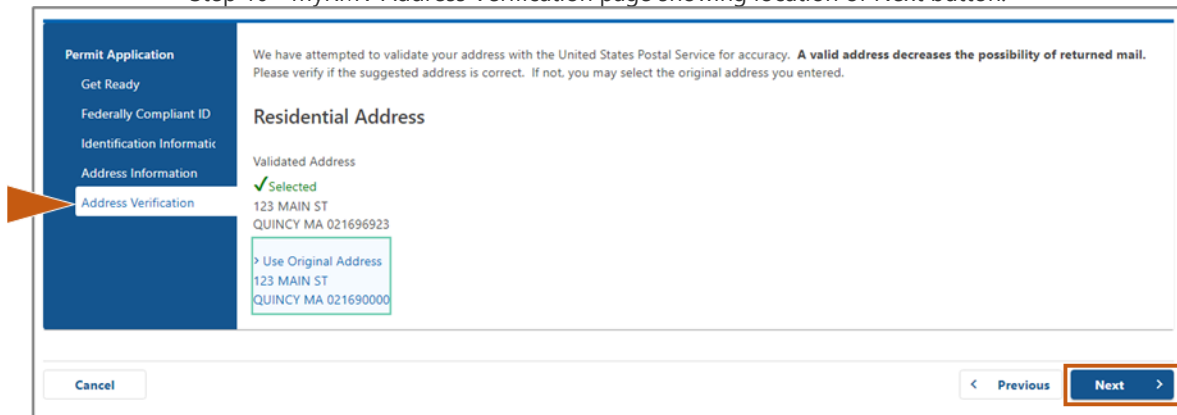


- Select **No** if your mailing address is different from your residential address.
 - Enter your current mailing address in the fields that display.
 - A Post Office Box may be used as a mailing address.



Step #10: Verify and select your USPS-standardized address. Select *Next* to continue

Step 10 - myRMV Address Verification page showing location of Next button.



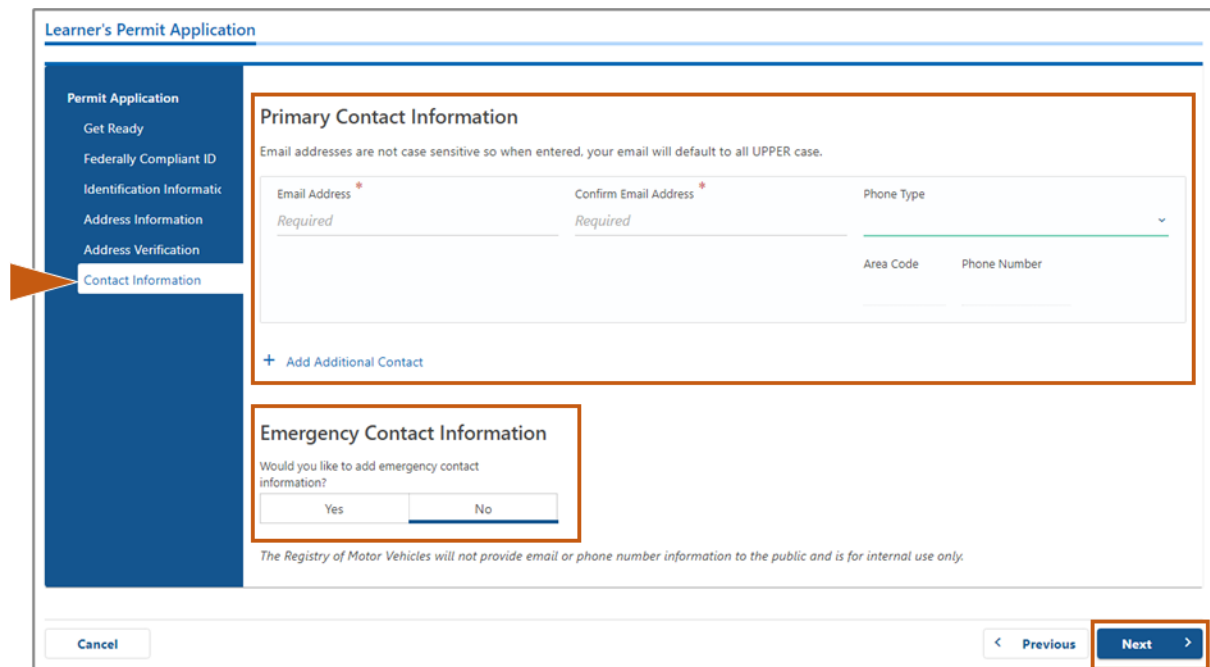
Step #11: Enter your email address and phone number on the *Contact Information* page. Select *Next* to continue.

Primary Contact Information panel:

- Select **Add Another Contact** to enter a second email address.

Emergency Contact Information panel:

- Select **Yes** to enter an emergency contact name, email address and phone number.
- Select **No** if you do not want to enter an emergency contact.



Step #12: Complete all required fields on the *Demographic Information* page. Select *Next* to continue.

Demographic Information panel:

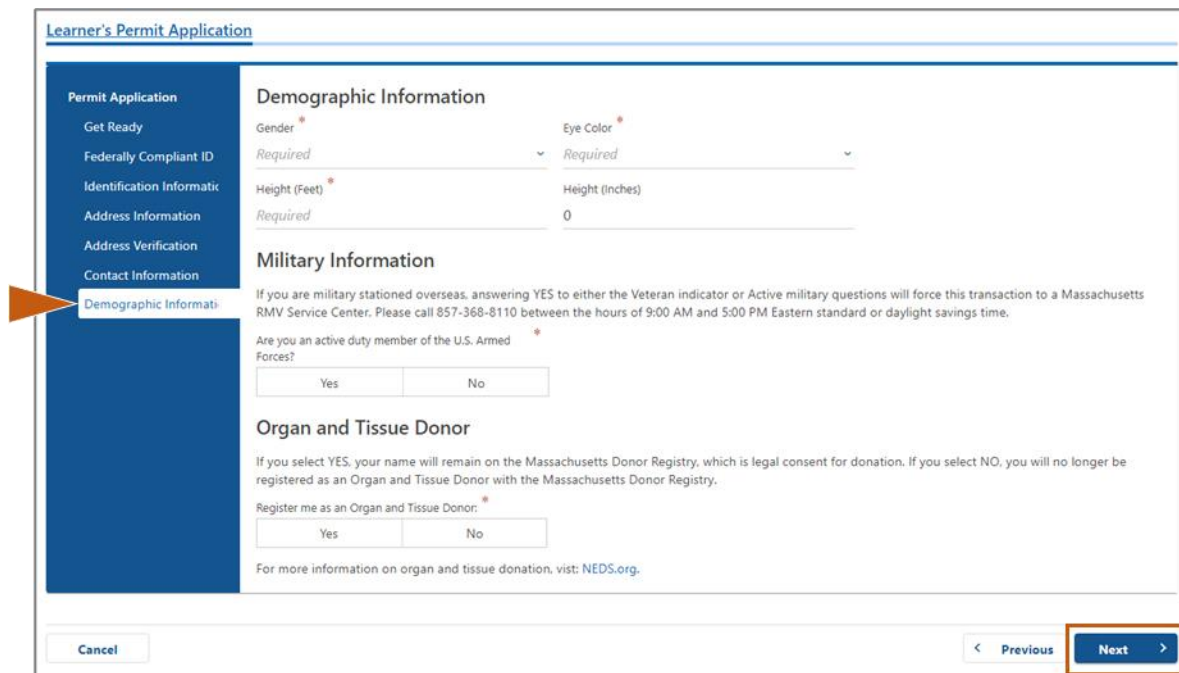
- Select the arrows to open the dropdown list for **Gender** and **Eye Color**. Choose the correct option from each list.
- Enter your height in the **Height (feet)** and **Height (inches)** fields.

Military Information panel:

- Select **Yes** if you are an active-duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces.
 - Select the arrows to choose answers to the additional questions that display.
- Select **No** if you are not an active-duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Organ and Tissue Donor panel:

- Select **Yes** or **No** in the *Register me as an Organ and Tissue Donor* prompt.



The screenshot shows the 'Learner's Permit Application' form. On the left is a blue sidebar with a list of steps: 'Permit Application', 'Get Ready', 'Federally Compliant ID', 'Identification Informatic', 'Address Information', 'Address Verification', 'Contact Information', and 'Demographic Information'. An orange arrow points to 'Demographic Information'. The main content area is titled 'Demographic Information' and contains three sections: 'Demographic Information' with fields for Gender (Required), Eye Color (Required), Height (Feet) (Required), and Height (Inches) (0); 'Military Information' with a prompt about military service and a 'Yes/No' button; and 'Organ and Tissue Donor' with a prompt about organ donation and a 'Yes/No' button. At the bottom, there is a 'Cancel' button on the left and 'Previous' and 'Next' buttons on the right. The 'Next' button is highlighted with a red box.

Step #13: Specify the documents you will provide on the *Proof Documents* page.

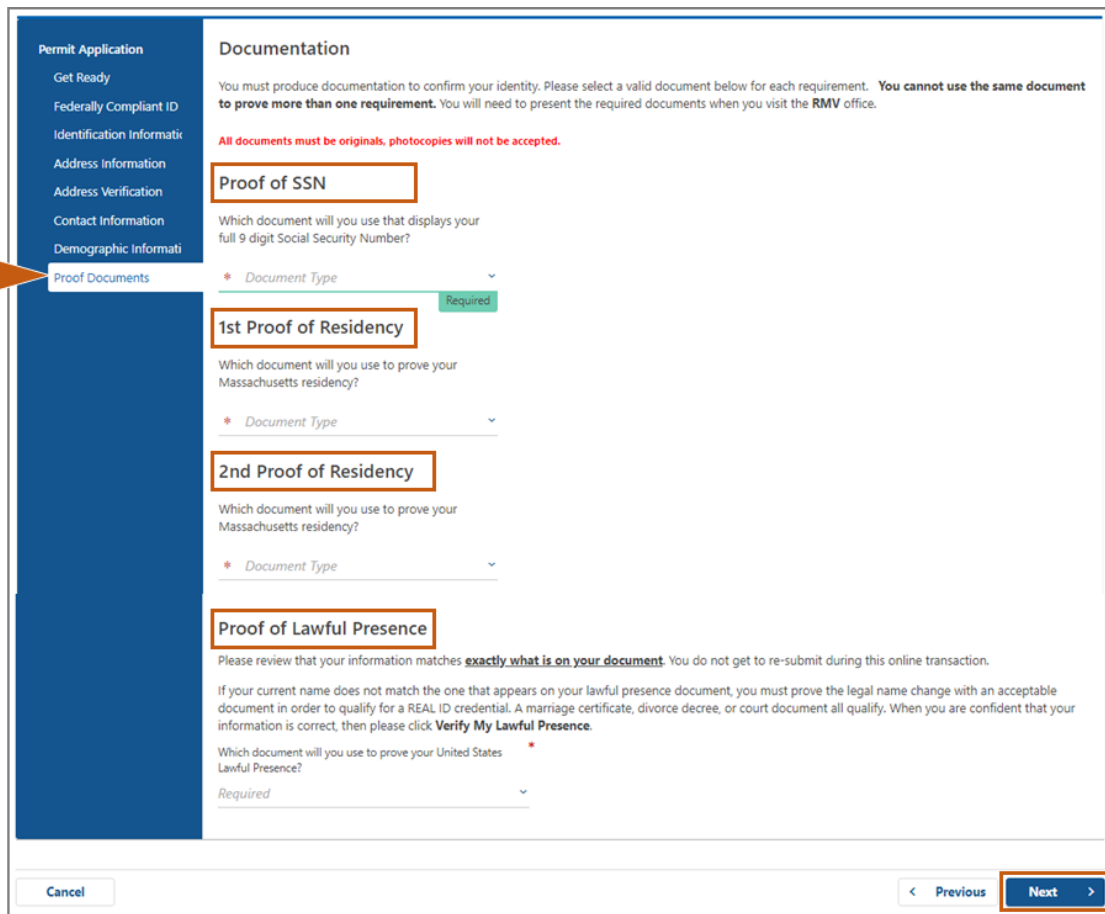
This page specifies which documents are acceptable and required based on your choice of a Standard or REAL ID driver's license.

- Select the arrow for each requirement to open the drop-down list of acceptable options; choose the document you will provide.

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If you are applying for a REAL ID Learner's Permit or Standard Commercial Learner's Permit:

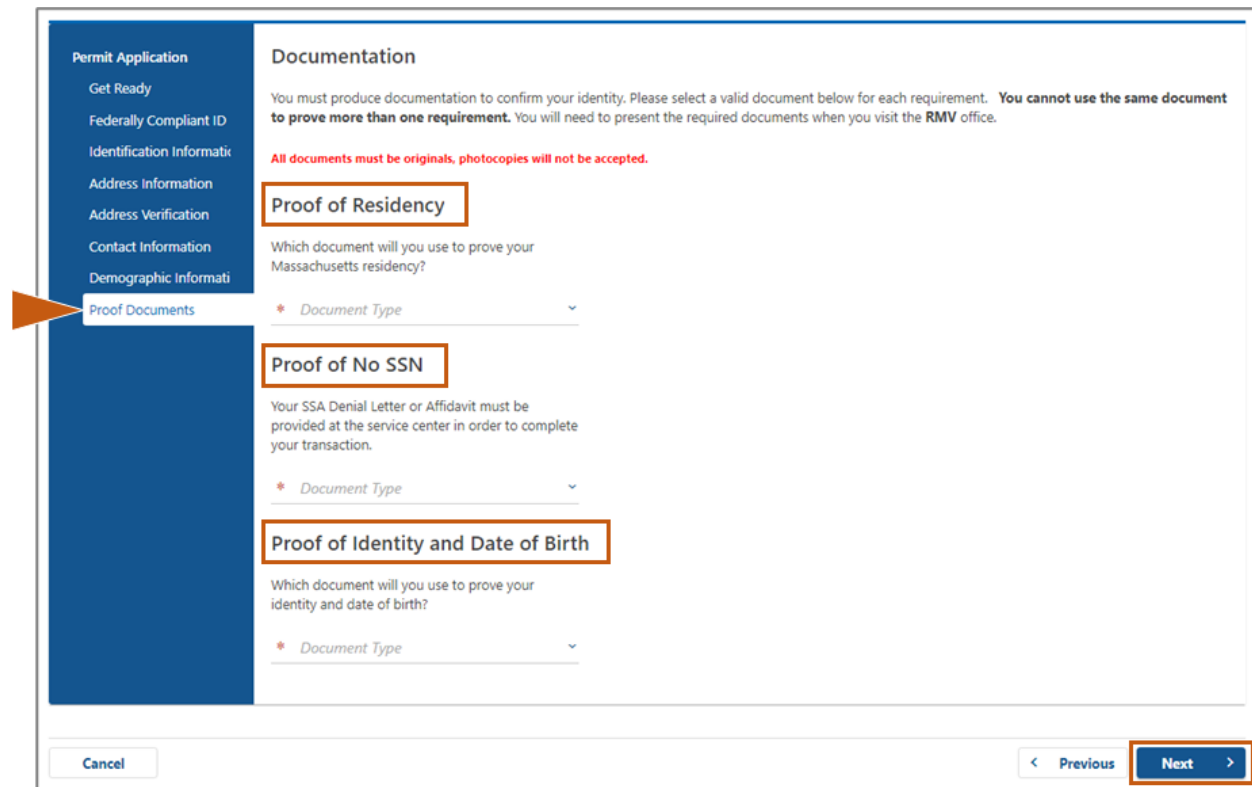
- Provide the following documents:
 - Proof of SSN (Social Security Number)
 - **NOTE:** For Standard CDL permits, applicants only need to provide a verifiable SSN (no SSN document required)
 - 1st Proof of Residency and 2nd Proof of Residency
 - The list of acceptable documents is the same for both residency requirements.
 - Some documents have an acceptable timeframe (e.g., within 60 days).
 - **NOTE:** For Standard CDL permits, only 1 Proof of Residency is required.
 - Proof of Lawful Presence
 - **NOTE:** If your current name does not match the name on your lawful presence document, you must also provide a legal name change document (marriage certificate, divorce decree or court document) to qualify for a REAL ID credential.
 - Complete additional required fields based on the document selected.
- When all information has been entered correctly, select the **Verify My Lawful Presence** hyperlink that displays at the bottom of the page.
 - A message indicating verification is in progress or lawful presence information is not found may display.
- Select **Next** to continue.



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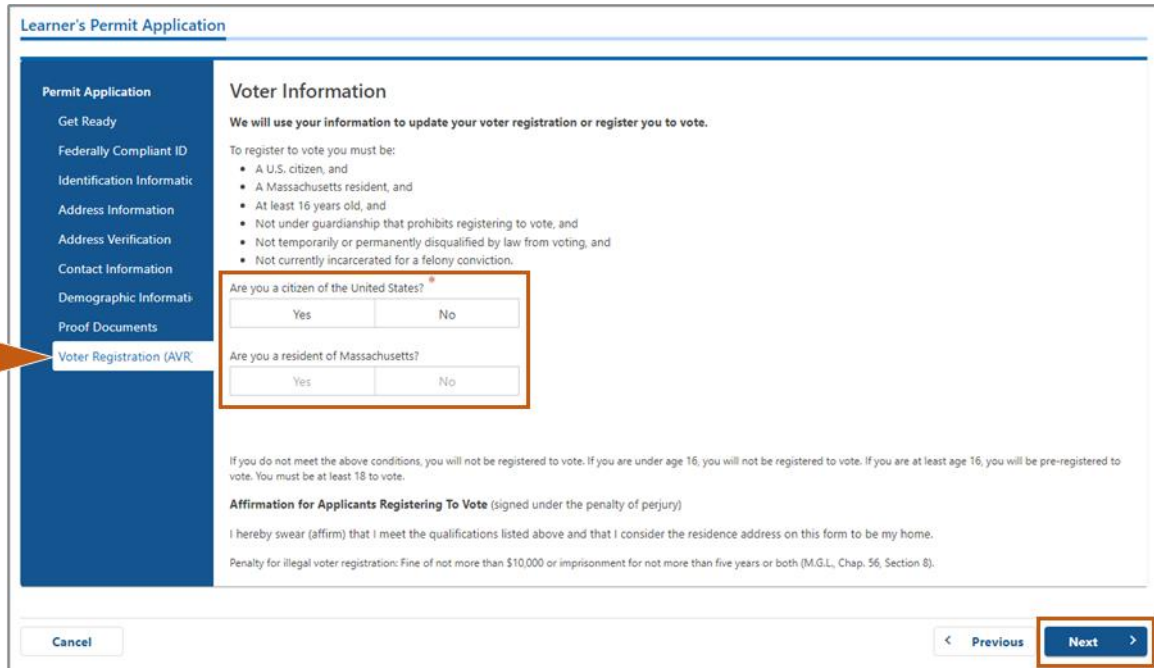
If you are applying for a Standard Class D or M Learner's Permit:

- Provide the following documents:
 - Proof of Residency (one document)
 - Some documents have an acceptable timeframe (e.g., within 60 days).
 - Proof of No SSN
 - Provide an Affidavit of No SSN or SSN Denial Letter.
 - **NOTE:** If you provided a Social Security Number in Step #7 this option will not display. The Affidavit of No SSN is only available for use to customers presenting certain proof documents for Proof of Identity and Date of Birth.
 - Proof of Identity and Date of Birth
 - **NOTE:** A **Secondary Proof of Identity and Date of Birth** is required if an Unexpired Foreign Passport or Consular ID Card is provided as **Proof of Identity and Date of Birth**.



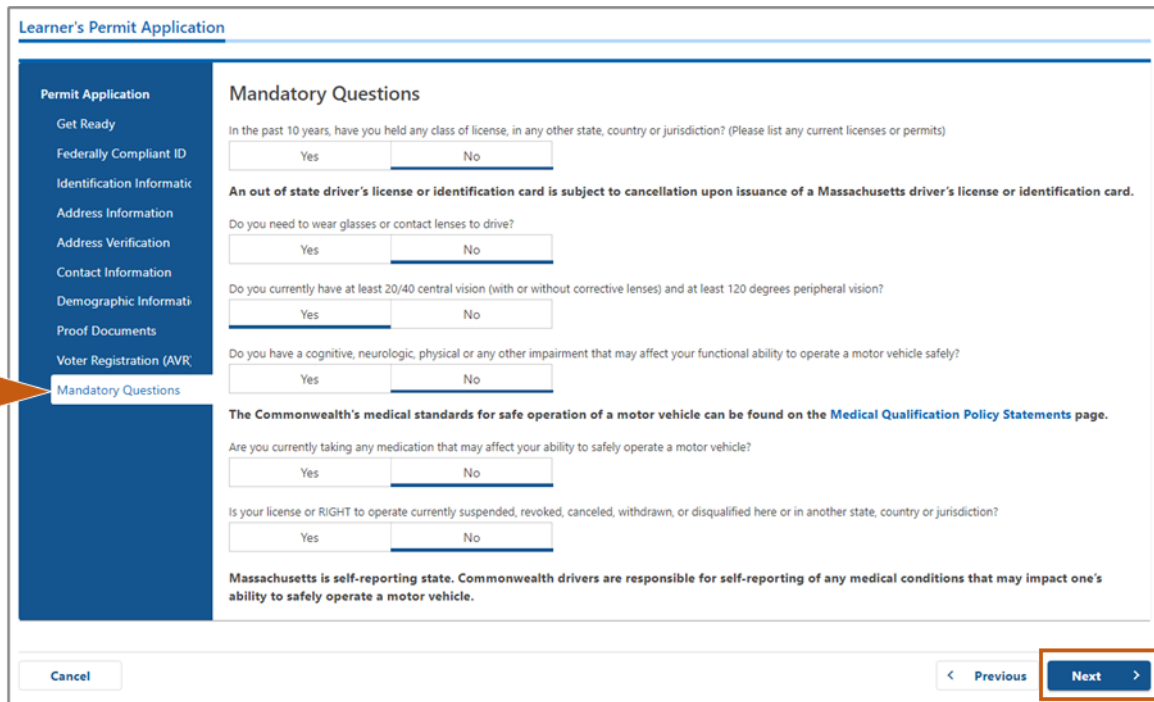
The screenshot shows the 'Documentation' step of the permit application process. On the left is a blue sidebar with a menu: Permit Application, Get Ready, Federally Compliant ID, Identification Information, Address Information, Address Verification, Contact Information, Demographic Information, and Proof Documents (highlighted with an orange arrow). The main content area is titled 'Documentation' and includes instructions: 'You must produce documentation to confirm your identity. Please select a valid document below for each requirement. You cannot use the same document to prove more than one requirement. You will need to present the required documents when you visit the RMV office.' Below this is a red warning: 'All documents must be originals, photocopies will not be accepted.' There are three sections, each with a title in an orange box and a dropdown menu labeled '* Document Type': 'Proof of Residency' (question: 'Which document will you use to prove your Massachusetts residency?'), 'Proof of No SSN' (question: 'Your SSA Denial Letter or Affidavit must be provided at the service center in order to complete your transaction.'), and 'Proof of Identity and Date of Birth' (question: 'Which document will you use to prove your identity and date of birth?'). At the bottom are 'Cancel', '< Previous', and 'Next >' buttons, with the 'Next' button highlighted in an orange box.

Step #14: Reply to all required questions on the *Voter Registration/Information* page. Select *Next* to continue.



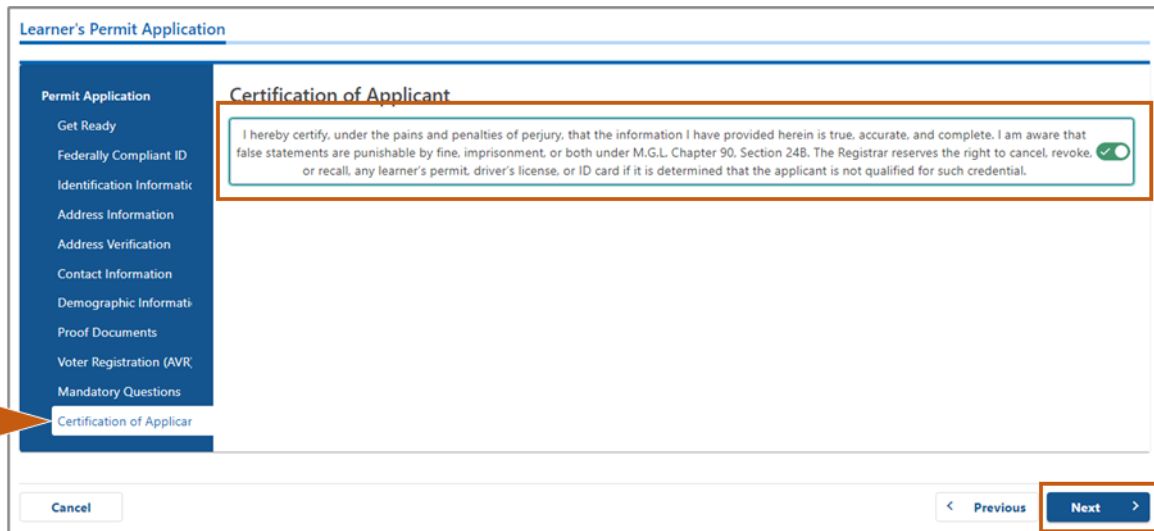
The screenshot shows the 'Voter Information' section of the 'Learner's Permit Application' form. On the left sidebar, 'Voter Registration (AVR)' is highlighted with an orange arrow. The main content area has a title 'Voter Information' and a sub-header 'We will use your information to update your voter registration or register you to vote.' Below this, it lists requirements for voter registration: being a U.S. citizen, a Massachusetts resident, at least 16 years old, not under guardianship, not disqualified by law, and not currently incarcerated. There are two questions with 'Yes' and 'No' buttons: 'Are you a citizen of the United States?' and 'Are you a resident of Massachusetts?'. Below these is a paragraph explaining the consequences of not meeting the conditions and an 'Affirmation for Applicants Registering To Vote' section where the user swears to the qualifications. At the bottom right, the 'Next' button is highlighted with an orange box.

Step #15: Answer all *Mandatory Questions*. Select *Next* to continue.



The screenshot shows the 'Mandatory Questions' section of the 'Learner's Permit Application' form. On the left sidebar, 'Mandatory Questions' is highlighted with an orange arrow. The main content area has a title 'Mandatory Questions' and a sub-header 'In the past 10 years, have you held any class of license, in any other state, country or jurisdiction? (Please list any current licenses or permits)'. There are several 'Yes' and 'No' buttons for the following questions: 'An out of state driver's license or identification card is subject to cancellation upon issuance of a Massachusetts driver's license or identification card.', 'Do you need to wear glasses or contact lenses to drive?', 'Do you currently have at least 20/40 central vision (with or without corrective lenses) and at least 120 degrees peripheral vision?', 'Do you have a cognitive, neurologic, physical or any other impairment that may affect your functional ability to operate a motor vehicle safely?', 'The Commonwealth's medical standards for safe operation of a motor vehicle can be found on the Medical Qualification Policy Statements page.', 'Are you currently taking any medication that may affect your ability to safely operate a motor vehicle?', and 'Is your license or RIGHT to operate currently suspended, revoked, canceled, withdrawn, or disqualified here or in another state, country or jurisdiction?'. At the bottom right, the 'Next' button is highlighted with an orange box.

Step #16: Select the toggle button on the *Certification of Applicant* page. Select *Next* to continue.



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- Mandatory Questions
- Certification of Applicant**

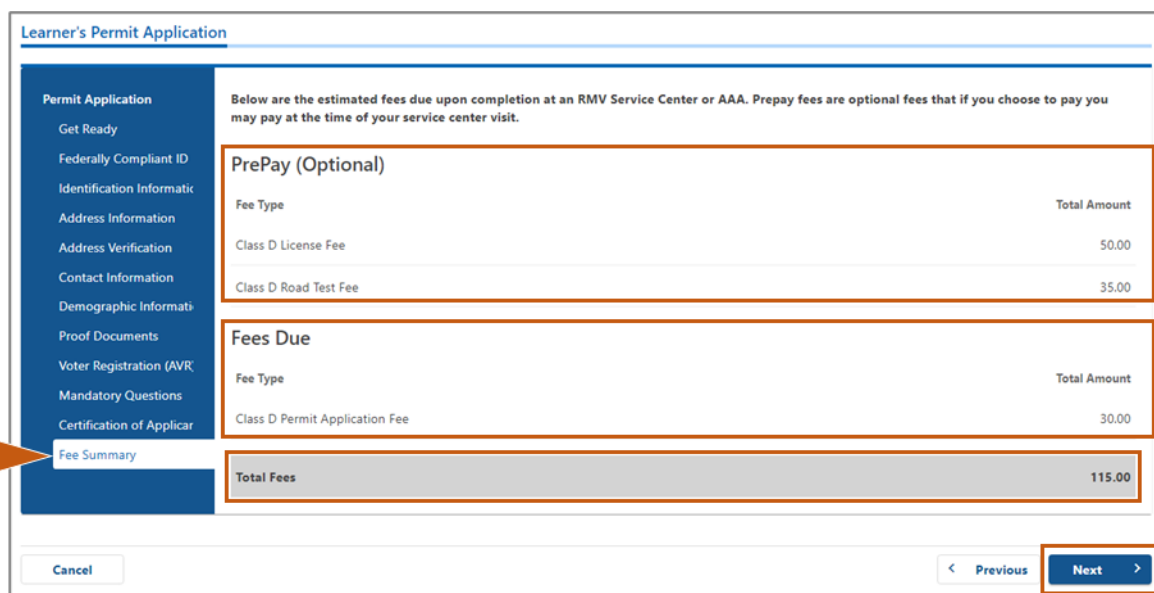
Certification of Applicant

I hereby certify, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that the information I have provided herein is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that false statements are punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both under M.G.L. Chapter 90, Section 24B. The Registrar reserves the right to cancel, revoke, or recall, any learner's permit, driver's license, or ID card if it is determined that the applicant is not qualified for such credential. ☒

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Step #17: Review the amount due on the *Fees Summary* page. Select *Next*.

- The **License** and **Road Test** fees listed in the **PrePay (Optional)** panel may be paid with the Permit Application fee or after you pass the road test.
 - Your license will not be issued until these fees are paid.
- The **Permit Application** fee listed in the **Fees Due** panel must be paid before the knowledge exam can be taken.



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- Fee Summary**

Below are the estimated fees due upon completion at an RMV Service Center or AAA. Prepay fees are optional fees that if you choose to pay you may pay at the time of your service center visit.

PrePay (Optional)

Fee Type	Total Amount
Class D License Fee	50.00
Class D Road Test Fee	35.00

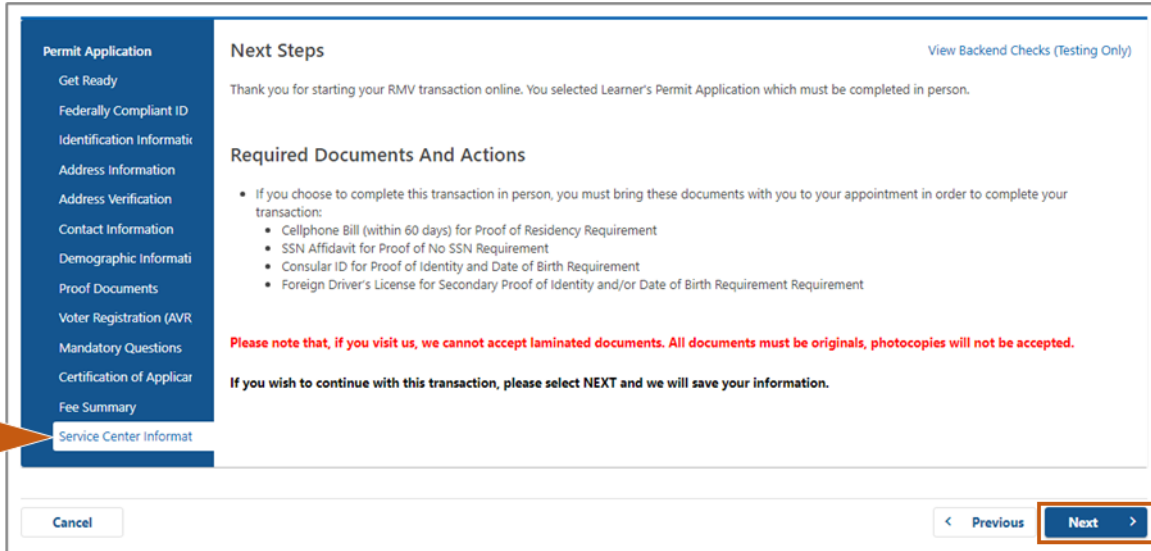
Fees Due

Fee Type	Total Amount
Class D Permit Application Fee	30.00

Total Fees 115.00

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Step #18: Review the *Next Steps* and *Required Documents and Actions* displayed on the Service Center Information page. Select *Next* to continue.



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Next Steps [View Backend Checks \(Testing Only\)](#)

Thank you for starting your RMV transaction online. You selected Learner's Permit Application which must be completed in person.

Required Documents And Actions

- If you choose to complete this transaction in person, you must bring these documents with you to your appointment in order to complete your transaction:
 - Cellphone Bill (within 60 days) for Proof of Residency Requirement
 - SSN Affidavit for Proof of No SSN Requirement
 - Consular ID for Proof of Identity and Date of Birth Requirement
 - Foreign Driver's License for Secondary Proof of Identity and/or Date of Birth Requirement Requirement

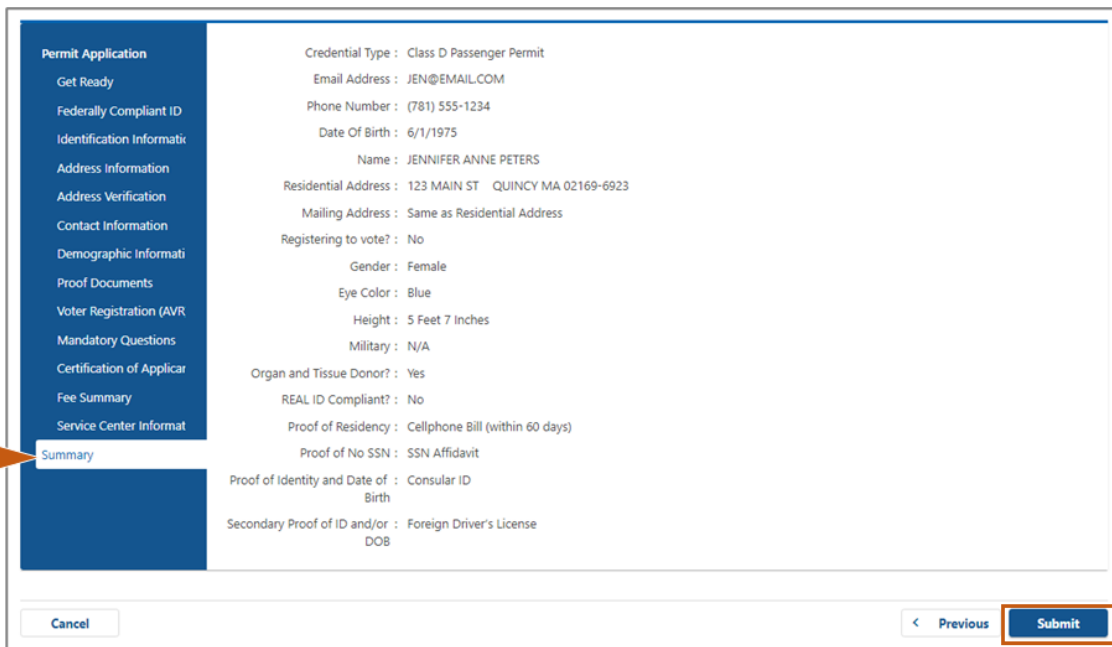
Please note that, if you visit us, we cannot accept laminated documents. All documents must be originals, photocopies will not be accepted.

If you wish to continue with this transaction, please select NEXT and we will save your information.

[Cancel](#) [< Previous](#) **Next >**

Step #19: Review all information on the *Summary* page. Select *Submit* to continue.

- If anything is incorrect or needs to be changed, select the appropriate hyperlink in the left-hand navigation panel.
 - Make the necessary edits.
 - Select **Next** to continue through each page and return to the **Summary** page.



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- Summary**

Credential Type : Class D Passenger Permit

Email Address : JEN@EMAIL.COM

Phone Number : (781) 555-1234

Date Of Birth : 6/1/1975

Name : JENNIFER ANNE PETERS

Residential Address : 123 MAIN ST QUINCY MA 02169-6923

Mailing Address : Same as Residential Address

Registering to vote? : No

Gender : Female

Eye Color : Blue

Height : 5 Feet 7 Inches

Military : N/A

Organ and Tissue Donor? : Yes

REAL ID Compliant? : No

Proof of Residency : Cellphone Bill (within 60 days)

Proof of No SSN : SSN Affidavit

Proof of Identity and Date of Birth : Consular ID

Secondary Proof of ID and/or : Foreign Driver's License

DOB

[Cancel](#) [< Previous](#) **Submit**

Step #20: View and print the *Application/Confirmation* page.

- Select **Printable View** on the **Confirmation** page to open it in another browser tab.

Confirmation




REGISTRAR OF MOTOR VEHICLES

May 01, 2023, 9:57 AM
 Confirmation Number: D-876-314-368

Owner: ALICE JANE HARTE,

To: _____
 From: _____

You must scroll down to the bottom of the page and select Printable View. In order to print or saving your confirmation.

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MassDOT is currently working to develop its Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan. Please visit <https://www.mass.gov/beyond-mobility> for more information, to learn more, leave comments, and participate in other opportunities for input.





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Printable View

OK

- Print the **Application/Confirmation** page.
 - A QR code and Confirmation Number display in the upper right corner; a bar code displays at the lower right of the page.
 - If you do not have access to a printer, an RMV staff member will print this page for you when you arrive for your Service Center appointment.
- Sign and date in the spaces provided and bring to your Service Center appointment. This printed document serves as your completed Learner's Permit application.




REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES



May 10, 2023 9:27 AM

Confirmation Number: 0-085-696-512

I affirm under the penalties of perjury that the information provided is true and accurate. Making knowingly false statements or information is punishable and subject to both imprisonment and a civil driver's license suspension pursuant to c.90, §24B.

Applicant Signature _____


Applicant SSN _____

Date _____

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Date _____



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Congratulations! You have successfully started your application for a MA Learner's Permit.

- Make a Service Center appointment to complete your Learner's Permit application.