

I Am Here: obtaining your identification and vital documents

Greece

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National Identification Cards

What type of document can youth seek which will allow them to move around the country?

In Greece, the national ID card is known as the Δελτίο Ταυτότητας (Identity Card). It is issued by the Hellenic Police and coordinated through the [Department of Citizen Protection](#).

As of 2023, Greece began issuing a new type of ID card in the ID-1 format, which includes biometric data and enhanced security features. This card is mandatory for Greek citizens and is used for identification, travel within the EU/Schengen Area, and access to public services.

Key Resources:

- Book an appointment for a new ID: [gov.gr ID appointment service](#)
- Official ID issuance portal: <http://id.gov.gr>
- Announcement of new ID format: [passport.gov.gr – ID announcement](#)

What is the process for getting a National ID card?

In Greece, National ID cards are issued by the Hellenic Police. The process must be completed in person at a designated police station.

Step-by-Step Process:

1. Book an Appointment
 - Schedule an appointment through the official [ID issuance platform](#) using your TAXISnet credentials.
 - If you do not have TAXISnet access, someone else with credentials can book on your behalf.
2. Prepare Required Documents
 - A birth certificate or record of identity
 - Proof of Greek citizenship
 - Two recent passport-sized photographs
 - Any other documents requested by the issuing authority
3. Visit the Police Station
 - Attend your appointment at the designated police station to submit your documents and complete the application.

4. Special Cases

- If you do not have a birth certificate or identity record, the process becomes more complex. You may need:
 - Assistance from a guardian or institution if you are under care
 - Guidance from a Citizen Service Center (KEP), which can help with documentation and procedures

Sources include:

- [Book an ID appointment – gov.gr](#)
- [ID issuance portal – id.gov.gr](#)
- [Required documents and FAQs – Hellenic Police](#)
- [Process overview – mitos.gov.gr](#)

What is the process for getting a Greek passport?

In order to get a Greek passport you have to follow the following steps:

1. You have to appear in person at the passport office in Greece, or consular authority if you are living abroad, and submit an application in person - an appointment is not required. You can find the relevant office or consular authority/worldwide offices and working hours here <https://www.passport.gov.gr/en/>
2. The competent officer will check your identity and the relevant legal requirements against their database - you need to provide either your national ID card or your birth or marital certificate if you are under the age of 12 or living abroad and do not have a national ID card. You also need to provide one photograph, in colour, 4x6mm.
3. The competent officer will complete electronically your application - solemn declaration and take the fingerprints of your index fingers of both hands, unless you are under the age of 12, in which case you are exempt from this obligation.
4. You need to pay a fee electronically - you can find the links to the relevant fees here https://en.mitos.gov.gr/index.php/%CE%94%CE%94:Issuance_of_a_Greek_passport and here <https://www.gsis.gr/en/citizens-businesses/payments-proceeds/e-paravolo>. The competent officer will check that you have paid for the correct fee and will place a hold on it and print the relevant receipt.
5. The competent officer will print your application - solemn declaration and after having checked it in detail, you will be asked to sign it and verify its content. You will be essentially declaring that you are a Greek citizen and have not committed a serious

offense, among other things. The officer responsible for receiving the supporting documents will cross-sign it.

6. The competent officer will print and give you a receipt of submission of the application, with a barcode. You can monitor the progress of your application through this portal www.passport.gov.gr
7. If the legal conditions are met and all supporting documents are submitted, the passport is then visually and electronically personalised and printed. Otherwise, your application will get rejected and you will receive a letter of rejection, stating why your application got rejected.

Source: https://en.mitos.gov.gr/index.php/%CE%94%CE%94:Issuance_of_a_Greek_passport

Where can I find information online about getting a National ID?

To find information about how to book an appointment:

<https://www.gov.gr/en/ipiresies/polites-kai-kathemerinoteta/ex-apostaseos-exuperetese-politon/id>

To find out more information about the process (in Greek):

and

https://mitos.gov.gr/index.php/ΔΔ:Αρχική_έκδοση_δελτίου_ταυτότητας

and (in English)

<https://www.astynomia.gr/odigos-tou-politi/dikaiologitika/ekdosi-deltiou-taftotitas/>

Where can I find information online about getting a passport?

You can find the relevant information on the links below:

<https://www.passport.gov.gr/en/>

and

https://en.mitos.gov.gr/index.php/%CE%94%CE%94:Issuance_of_a_Greek_passport

What documents do I have to have to get a National ID? Is there any document that I must have to get an ID?

For the issuance of the National ID card for the first time, you will need the following:

1. A photograph, in digital form.
2. Application (the application will be provided to you by the issuing Authority).

3. Electronic fee of 10,00€. If you have many children (which must be evidenced) the fee you will have to pay is half, € 5.00

4. A witness - The witness may be any adult person who has a valid ID.

Sources:

- https://mitos.gov.gr/index.php/ΔΔ:Αρχική_έκδοση_δελτίου_ταυτότητας
- <https://www.astynomia.gr/odigos-tou-politi/dikaiologitika/ekdosi-deltiou-taftotitas/>

What documents do I have to have to get a passport? Is there any document that I must have to get a passport?

The following documents are typically required:

1. Application Form / Solemn Declaration:
 - a. You will need to fill out an application form. The form is provided and filled out at the Passport Office or consular authority.
 - b. You will be asked to state your full name, date and place of birth and the names of both of your parents and declare that you have the Greek citizenship, that you have not committed any serious offense and that you wish to issue a Greek passport.
2. Recent Color Photograph: You will also need to provide one month-old 40x60 mm photograph complying with certain technical specifications <https://www.passport.gov.gr/en/diadiakasia-ekdosis/documents/downloads/technikes-prodiagrafes-photo/specificationphoto.html>.
3. National Identity Card, Birth Certificate or Civil/Family Status Certificate: The competent official will need to check your identity by comparing the information on the identity document you will provide against that on the databases of the Hellenic Police.
 - a. If you are over 12 years old, you will be asked to provide a photocopy of both sides of your national identity card.
 - b. If you are residing abroad, and you do not have a national identity card, you will be asked to submit a copy of your birth certificate or certificate of civil/family status certificate from the municipality in which you are registered - you can find more information about the civil/family status certificate here https://mitos.gov.gr/index.php/ΔΔ:Πιστοποιητικό_οικογενειακής_κατάστασης
 - c. If you are renewing your passport, you will also need to submit your previous passport together with your application.
4. Proof of Military Service: For male applicants aged 19-45, relevant military documents may be required, which you can issue here <https://www.gov.gr/ipiresies/strateuse/stratologike-katastase/pistopoietiko-stratologikes-katastases>

5. Proof of payment/receipt of administrative fees: Fees vary from EUR 5 to EUR 80, depending on the applicant's age and passport validity period. The competent officials will help you pay the fee and print the relevant receipt (you can find the links to pay the relevant fees here <https://www.passport.gov.gr/en/diadikasia-ekdosis/documents/eparavolo.html> and here <https://en.mitos.gov.gr/index.php/%CE%94%CE%94:Issuance of a Greek passport>)
6. In certain cases (e.g., if you have a medical condition and cannot go to the passport office in person and submit your application) some additional documents may be required <https://www.passport.gov.gr/en/diadikasia-ekdosis/documents/dikaiologitika.html>

Sources:

<https://en.mitos.gov.gr/index.php/%CE%94%CE%94:Issuance of a Greek passport> and <https://www.passport.gov.gr/en/diadikasia-ekdosis/documents/dikaiologitika.html>

What if my documents do not have my correct name/address?

To issue your national ID, you need to provide a photograph, in digital form, application (the application will be provided to you by the issuing Authority), fee and the confirmation of a witness. So, you just need to provide the correct details.

If your national ID doesn't have your correct name you will need to replace your national ID/correct it. You can also update your address online.

You may submit your application for the issuance of your identity card to the issuing authority of your choice, regardless of the Municipality in which you are registered or the address shown on your tax return.

Sources:

- <https://www.gsis.gr/polites-epiheiriseis/stoiheia-politon-kai-ex-apostaseos-exypiretisi/myDYPALive/myDYPALive-RegistryDataCorrections>
- <https://mitos.gov.gr/index.php/ΔΔ:Αντικατάσταση δελτίου ταυτότητας λόγω μεταβολής στοιχείων του κατόχου>

If you were not Greek but you got the citizenship or you were granted asylum and you want to correct your details on your National ID follow the process described here: <https://mitos.gov.gr/index.php/ΔΔ:Αίτηση αλλαγής στοιχείων ταυτότητας αλλοδαπών>

What if I only have foreign documents?

Those may be acceptable for obtaining a passport. You can apply for a passport even if you are permanently living abroad and you don't have any Greek documents.

If you do not have a Greek identity card, you must submit your birth certificate or certificate of civil (family) status from the municipality in which you are registered.

Sources:

- <https://www.passport.gov.gr/en/grafeia-kai-orario/grafeia-diavatrion-world/>
- <https://www.passport.gov.gr/en/diadikasia-ekdosis/documents/dikaiologitika.html>
- <https://www.passport.gov.gr/en/diadikasia-ekdosis/odigies/>

What happens if my documents are not accepted to get a National ID card?

The relevant authority will inform you why your documents were not accepted (the most common reason is that the photo was not as per the required specifications). Collect the correct documents and apply again.

If for example you are informed that your ID was not printed because your photo was not as per the required technical specifications, and such photo was taken on the premises of the issuing authority, you may directly request the issuing authority to schedule a new appointment as soon as possible. A new fee of €10.00 will not be required.

If the faulty photo was taken by a professional photographer, you will be able to reschedule your appointment on the online platform. A new fee of €10.00 is not required.

Source: <https://www.astynomia.gr/odigos-tou-politi/dikaiologitika/ekdosi-deltiou-taftotitas/>

Do I have to be a resident of the country to get a National ID card?

If you are not a Greek resident, you can still apply for a Greek passport. You need to be a Greek citizen, but you don't need to be residing in Greece to get a Greek passport.

You can submit the required documentation to the relevant consular authority. The process, supporting documents and requirements are the same as those for Greek residents.

The following documents are required to apply for a Greek passport:

- Application form / solemn declaration
- Recent photograph in color
- Birth certificate or civil/family status certificate
- Proof of military service or exemption/stay thereof, if you are a male applicant between the age of 19 and 45
- Proof of payment/receipt of administrative fees

Sources:

- <https://www.stratologia.gr/>
- <https://www.passport.gov.gr/en/diadikasia-ekdosis/documents/dikaiologitika.html>
- <https://en.mitos.gov.gr/index.php/%CE%94%CE%94:Issuance of a Greek passport>

What does it mean to be a resident of this country? How do I prove residency?

Holding a Greece residence permit offers the following benefits:

You can relocate to Greece.

1. You can benefit from one of the three preferential tax regimes. If you work or run a business in Greece you can get a tax exemption for half of your income. If you have retired, your income will be taxed at a flat rate of 7%. You also have the option of paying a lump tax of EUR 100,000 per annum, regardless of your income.
2. You can travel freely within the Schengen area and live in its territory for ninety days every six months, without needing a visa.
3. You can have access to public health services in Greece.
4. You can have access to the public education system in Greece.
5. After five years of continuous residence in Greece, you are entitled to apply for permanent residence.
6. There is an EU citizenship prospect, as after living for at least 7 years in Greece, you may apply for the Greek citizenship.

Sources:

- <https://immigrantinvest.com/blog/greece-residence-permits-en/>
- <https://visagide.world/europe/greece-visa/long-stay-visa-residence-permit/>

In order to prove that you are residing permanently in Greece, you can get a certificate of permanent residence from the relevant Citizens' Service Centre. You can either go there in person or apply for it online here <https://www.gov.gr/ipresies/polites-kai-kathemerinoteta/ex-aposaseos-exuperetese-politon/exuperetese-me-telediaskepse-apo-kentro-exupereteses-politon-kep> You can also email them <https://www.gsis.gr/sites/default/files/myKEPlive/Kep-Dhmoi-StoixeiaEpikoinwnias.pdf>

You will need:

1. a copy of your tax income declaration (form E1),
2. a recent mobile telephone or utility bill (e.g. landline bill, electricity bill, water bill, or gas, etc) and
3. a copy of your tax return form for the past financial year.

Source: https://en.mitos.gov.gr/index.php/%CE%94%CE%94:Certificate_of_permanent_residence

What can I do if I do not have residency in this country?

If you are not a resident in Greece, you can still apply for a national ID card and a passport. Regarding the national ID though, please note that you can only apply for it at the Greek police stations.

Sources:

- <https://www.passport.gov.gr/en/diadikasia-ekdosis/documents/dikaiologitika.html>
- https://en.mitos.gov.gr/index.php/%CE%94%CE%94:Issuance_of_a_Greek_passport
- <https://residence-greece.com/greek-id/?ssp=1&setlang=en-GB&safesearch=moderate>

However, your ability to work, rent property, and your associated rights depend on your citizenship and the type of visa or residence permit you hold.

Source: https://eures.europa.eu/living-and-working/living-and-working-conditions-europe/living-and-working-conditions-greece_en#:~:text=Citizens%20of%20the%20EU%2FEEA,of%20engagement%20from%20an%20employer.

Will I need a mailing address? What can I do if I am homeless?

If you are homeless in Greece and lack a mailing address, accessing certain services can be challenging. However, there are resources and steps you can take to receive support. You will need to provide an address to issue the national ID or passport. You can follow one of the steps below:

1. Accessing emergency shelter and support:
 - Many municipalities in Greece offer shelters and support programs for homeless individuals, providing temporary housing, food assistance, and social services. In Athens, for example, the Municipality operates shelters and reception centers in collaboration with NGOs.
 - There are several NGOs that have dedicated teams that assist homeless individuals by offering food, clothing, and basic necessities.
 - Some of these NGOs will also help you navigate the bureaucracy to issue a national ID or passport - for example:
 - <https://praksis.gr/en-about/>
 - <https://www.emfasisfoundation.org/en>
 - <https://arsis.gr/en/home/>
2. Obtaining an AFM (Tax Identification Number) without a fixed address:
 - While an address is typically required to obtain an AFM, if you are homeless you may use the address of a shelter or NGO that you are associated with. It's advisable to

consult with local tax authorities or seek assistance from social services to navigate this process.

3. Social Security Number (AMKA):

- Applying for an AMKA without a permanent address can be complex. Social services or NGOs may provide assistance in this process by offering guidance or acting as intermediaries.

4. Healthcare access:

- Public hospitals and health centers in Greece are required to provide care regardless of residence status. NGOs like Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders) or PRAKSIS may also offer medical assistance if you are in need.

5. Employment opportunities:

- Lack of a permanent address can complicate employment, but some NGOs and social services offer vocational training and job placement assistance to help individuals reintegrate into the workforce.

Sources:

- <https://www.gov.gr/en/upourgeia/oloi-foreis/anexartete-arkhe-demosion-esodon-aade/apodose-arithmou-phorologikou-metroou-aphm-kai-kleidarithmou-se-phisiko-prosopo>
- https://eures.europa.eu/living-and-working/living-and-working-conditions-europe/living-and-working-conditions-greece_en
- <https://ypergasias.gov.gr/en/labour-relations/individual-employment-relations/work-for-third-country-nationals-in-greece/>

What is the application process? Can I complete it online?

You cannot submit an application online for a Greek passport, only in person. You will need to fill out an application form. The form is provided and filled out at the Passport Office or consular authority. You must apply in person at the Passport Office corresponding to your place of permanent residence. If you are residing abroad, you can submit an application at the nearest Greek consular authority.

In most cases, an appointment is not required with respect to the Passport Offices located in Greece, but appointments might be required if you are submitting your application at a Greek consular authority.

Source: https://en.mitos.gov.gr/index.php/%CE%94%CE%94%Issuance_of_a_Greek_passport and <https://www.passport.gov.gr/en/diadikasia-ekdosis/documents/dikaiologitika.html>

Yes to complete an application online visit: <https://www.gov.gr/en/ipiresies/polites-kai-kathemerinoteta/ex-apostaseos-exuperetese-politon/id>

Is there an application fee? Is there a waiver option if I cannot afford to pay it?

In Greece, obtaining a passport requires the payment of specific administrative fees. Fees vary from EUR 5 to EUR 80, depending on your age and passport validity period.

<https://www.passport.gov.gr/tools/faq/erotiseisdikaiologitika.html>

Currently, there is no publicly available information indicating that these fees can be waived due to financial hardship. While direct fee waivers may not be available, you can explore the following options:

- Local municipalities often provide assistance to residents facing financial difficulties. They may offer guidance or support programs to help cover essential expenses.
- Several NGOs offer support to individuals in need, including homeless. They might provide financial assistance or help you navigate the application process.

To apply online the fee is 10 Euros. <https://www.minocp.gov.gr/sychnes-erotiseis-gia-tin-ekdosi-neou-typou-deltiou-taftotitas-ellinon-politon-morfotypou-id/>

<https://www.astynomia.gr/odigos-tou-politi/dikaiologitika/ekdosi-deltiou-taftotitas/#:~:text=Όπου%20δεν%20λειτουργούν%20τέτοιες%20Υπηρεσίες,εδρεύει%20στην%20εν%20λόγω%20περιοχή>

How old do I have to be to apply for a passport by myself?

Only if you are an adult, i.e. above the age of 18, you can apply for a Greek passport by yourself. Otherwise, you are considered a minor and you need to be accompanied by your parents or a legal guardian in order to submit all necessary supporting documentation.

Sources:

- <https://www.lawspot.gr/nomikes-plirofories/nomothesia/astikos-kodikas>
- <https://www.passport.gov.gr/en/diadikasia-ekdosis/odigies/>

How old do I have to be to apply for a National ID card by myself?

In order to be able to apply for an ID card by yourself you need to be 18 years old. If you wish to apply for an ID card before this you can apply after the age of 12, with a witness (a parent or guardian).

Sources:

- <https://www.minocp.gov.gr/sychnes-erotiseis-gia-tin-ekdosi-neou-typou-deltiou-taftotitas-ellinon-politon-morfotypou-id/>
- <https://www.astynomia.gr/odigos-tou-politi/dikaiologitika/ekdosi-deltiou-taftotitas/#:~:text=Όπου%20δεν%20λειτουργούν%20τέτοιες%20Υπηρεσίες,εδρεύει%20στην%20εν%20λόγω%20περιοχή>

What can I do if I do not have a parent or guardian who can go with me (and the application says I have to have one)?

If you are under 18 years old and none of your parents can be present, you should ask a relative to come with you. The relative must have the relevant authorization by your parents and present it to the relevant passport authority. If that's not an option either, you must be accompanied by the person who has your custody or legal guardianship, in which case the legal documents proving the custody or guardianship must be presented.

<https://www.passport.gov.gr/en/diadiakasia-ekdosis/odigies/>

You need a witness with a valid ID document if you are making an application for a National ID and you are under 18. One of your parents, someone with custody of you or someone with guardianship may be your witness. In case of custody or guardianship, the legal documents proving the custody or guardianship must be presented.

If you do not have a parent, custodian or guardian we would recommend going to the nearest KEP and ask them to inform you about the process.

[Frequently asked questions for the issuance of a new type of Identity Card for Greek Citizens in ID- format | Ministry of Citizen Protection \(minocp.gov.gr\)](#)

<https://www.astynomia.gr/odigos-tou-politi/dikaiologitika/ekdosi-deltiou-taftotitas/#:~:text=Όπου%20δεν%20λειτουργούν%20τέτοιες%20Υπηρεσίες,εδρεύει%20στην%20εν%20λόγω%20περιοχή.>

At what age can I get a passport by myself?

You need to be 18 or above to collect your passport by yourself.

Source: <https://www.passport.gov.gr/en/diadiakasia-ekdosis/odigies/>

At what age can I get a National ID card by myself?

You need to be 18 or above to collect your National ID by yourself.

Sources:

- <https://www.gov.gr/ipiresies/polites-kai-kathemerinoteta/stoikheia-polite-kai-tautopoietika-eggrapha/id>
- <https://www.gov.gr/ipiresies/polites-kai-kathemerinoteta/stoikheia-polite-kai-tautopoietika-eggrapha/id>

Are there any special provisions for foster youth (children in custody of the government)?

If you are under the age of 18 and you are applying for a passport, you must be accompanied by your custodian or legal guardian. They will need to prove their status during

the application by providing the relevant legal documentation reflecting the relevant legal status.

Source: https://en.mitos.gov.gr/index.php/%CE%94%CE%94:Issuance_of_a_Greek_passport

A custodian can be the required witness for an application for a National ID for someone who is under 18. The custodian will need to prove their status during the application by providing the relevant legal documentation reflecting the custodian's status.

The obligation to provide an identity card for persons who are above 12 years old and below 18, belongs to their parents and legal guardians. If you are a foster child the process is similar but you will need to produce proof of guardianship as well as the other documents.

Source: <https://www.astynomia.gr/odigos-tou-politi/dikaiologitika/ekdosi-deltiou-taftotitas/#:~:text=Όπου%20δεν%20λειτουργούν%20τέτοιες%20Υπηρεσίες,εδρεύει%20στην%20εν%20λόγω%20περιοχή.>

Are there any special provisions for homeless youth?

Many municipalities in Greece offer shelters and support programs for homeless people, providing temporary housing, food assistance, social services and legal support/free legal advice. In Athens, for example, the Municipality operates shelters and reception centers in collaboration with NGOs.

Sources:

- <https://www.athenssocialatlas.gr/en/article/social-policy-and-homelessness-services/>
- <https://caritasathens.gr/en/fields-of-action-en/support-of-the-homeless-en.html>
- https://www.caritas.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Caritas-Cares-Report-Greece_singles.pdf

If you are homeless some places have provisions to issue ID's to homeless people. Local authorities, social services and community organizations may be able to assist with the application process.

Sources:

- <https://www.gov.gr/en/upourgeia/oloi-foreis/anexartete-arkhe-demosion-esodon-aade/apodose-arithmou-phorologikou-metroou-aphm-kai-kleidarithmou-se-phisiko-prosopo>
- https://eures.europa.eu/living-and-working/living-and-working-conditions-europe/living-and-working-conditions-greece_en
- <https://ypergasias.gov.gr/en/labour-relations/individual-employment-relations/work-for-third-country-nationals-in-greece/>

Will I have to take a test?

There is no test in order to be able to apply for passport, as long as you are a Greek citizen. However you do need the correct documents as noted above.

https://en.mitos.gov.gr/index.php/%CE%94%CE%94:Issuance_of_a_Greek_passport and <https://www.passport.gov.gr/en/diadiakasia-ekdosis/documents/dikaiologitika.html>

There is no test in order to be able to apply for an ID card. However you do need the correct documents as stipulated above.

<https://www.minocp.gov.gr/sychnes-erotiseis-gia-tin-ekdosi-neou-typou-deltiou-taftotitas-ellinon-politon-morfotypou-id/>

<https://www.astynomia.gr/odigos-tou-politi/dikaiologitika/ekdosi-deltiou-taftotitas/#:~:text=Όπου%20δεν%20λειτουργούν%20τέτοιες%20Υπηρεσίες,εδρεύει%20στην%20εν%20λόγω%20περιοχή.>

If applicable, do I have to make an appointment to take the test?

Not applicable.

Source: <https://www.astynomia.gr/odigos-tou-politi/dikaiologitika/ekdosi-deltiou-taftotitas/#:~:text=Όπου%20δεν%20λειτουργούν%20τέτοιες%20Υπηρεσίες,εδρεύει%20στην%20εν%20λόγω%20περιοχή.>

Driver's License

What organization issues a driver's license in this country?

Driver's licenses in Greece are issued by the Ministry for Infrastructure and Transport. The process is managed through regional Directorates of Transport and Communications.

Greece issues an EU-standard driving license, which is valid across all EU member states.

For online services related to driving licenses (such as applications, renewals, and appointments), you can access the [official government portal](#).

What is the process for getting a driver's license?

Two stages:

- Theoretical test
- Practical test

Theoretical and practical training are carried out at the Theory Training Centres for Candidate Drivers and Driving Schools respectively.

The competent Greek authority for carrying out the theoretical examination and the test of skills and behaviour (the practical examination) is the Transport & Communications Department of the Regional Unit of the Region (place of residence of the concerned person).

Source: <https://www.gov.gr/en/sdg/vehicles/acquiring-and-renewing-driving-licence/getting-driving-licence/driver-training-and-driving-test>

Where can I find information online about getting a driver's license?

Greek Government Website: <https://www.gov.gr/en/sdg/vehicles/acquiring-and-renewing-driving-licence>

There are also various sources e.g. [Car Driving Licence - Driving Licence Odigisi.gr](#) that are not official sources but provide additional information that the government website does not mention, or requires applicants to find out from their local regional unit (local government department). These may be useful for indicators of other things to consider / be aware of.

<https://www.angloinfo.com/how-to/greece/transport/driving-licences/greek-driving-licence>

What documents do I have to have to get a driver's license? Is there any document that I must have to get a driver's license?

To start theory & practical lessons, applicants must first get an **education & examination bulletin**, including:

- Getting an **Education Card** from the ministry
- Having a **Greek ΑΦΜ number** (this may relate to a Taxis-Net, or TIN number: different sources use different terminology but these all relate to a Greek tax/social security ID number) and **Greek Identity or residence** or work permit (valid for at least 185 days).
- Passport photos
- Documentation from a doctor (**Pathologist & Ophthalmologist**)
- Paying various fees (via the Electronic Fee service (e-Paravolo) (**Total cost of the procedure : 128€ + 20€ for the doctors**))
- Completing a Diploma Print Application and an Initial Grant Application

Source: <https://odigisi.gr/en/driving-school/car-driving-licence/#top>

What if my documents do not have my correct name/address?

As of May 2025, there does not appear to be any information on a course of Action. However, it is implied that name and address must match documents that show those pieces of information.

- Your name and address must match the details on your identification documents (such as your Greek ID card or passport).
- If your name or address has changed, you may need to update your personal records with the relevant authorities (e.g., the Civil Registry or Citizen Service Center (KEP)) before applying for or renewing your license.

For official procedures, you can refer to:

- [Replacement of a Driving Licence – Mitos.gov.gr](#)
- [Renew a Driving Licence – Gov.gr](#)

If your documents do not match or you are unsure how to proceed, it is best to contact your local Directorate of Transport and Communications or a Citizen Service Center (KEP) for personalized assistance.

What if I only have foreign documents?

Initial findings did not provide any information related to this scenario.

What happens if my documents are not accepted to get a driver's license?

No information found in the sources reviewed to answer this question.

Yes, in some cases, you can obtain a Greek driving license using foreign documents—but **only under specific conditions**.

If You Hold a Valid Foreign Driver's License:

You may be eligible to convert your foreign license to a Greek one if it was issued in one of the following countries:

- USA
- Canada
- Australia
- Japan
- South Africa
- South Korea

This process is available to individuals who have established usual residence in Greece.

Requirements Include:

- A valid foreign driver's license
- A foreign passport or other valid ID
- Proof of residency in Greece
- Completion of the application in person or by post
- Payment of applicable fees (e.g., €60, €30, and €18 for various administrative steps)

More information is available on the official Greek government portals:

- [Gov.gr – Conversion of a foreign driving license](#)
- [Mitos.gov.gr – Conversion process overview](#)

If your license is from a country not listed above, you may need to apply for a Greek license from scratch, which includes passing theoretical and practical driving tests.

Do I have to be a resident of the country to get a driver's license?

Yes - applicants must be ordinarily resident in Greece, and be able to prove this.

Sources:

- <https://www.angloinfo.com/how-to/greece/transport/driving-licences/greek-driving-licence>
- https://www.justlanded.com/english/Greece/Greece-Guide/Travel-Leisure/Greek-driving-licences#google_vignette

What does it mean to be a resident of this country? How do I prove residency?

To be considered a resident of Greece for the purpose of obtaining or renewing a driver's license, you must have "normal residence" in the country. This typically means you have lived in Greece for at least 185 days per calendar year due to personal or occupational ties.

How to Prove Residency:

To prove your residency, you may be asked to provide one or more of the following:

- A valid residence permit (for non-EU nationals)
- A certificate of permanent residence (for EU citizens)
- A Greek tax identification number (AFM) and TAXISnet registration
- A utility bill or rental agreement in your name
- A certificate of residence issued by your local Citizen Service Center (KEP)

For more details, you can refer to:

- [Gov.gr – Identity and residency services](#)
- [Mitos.gov.gr – Renewal of a driving licence](#)

What can I do if I do not have residency in this State? Or country?

If you do not have residency in Greece, you cannot apply for a Greek driver's license. Residency is a legal requirement for both:

- Converting a foreign driver's license to a Greek one
- Applying for a new Greek driver's license (including taking the theory and practical exams)

According to the [Mitos.gov.gr guide](#), conversion of a foreign license is only permitted after acquiring usual residence in Greece.

Alternatives if You Do Not Have Residency:

- EU citizens can drive in Greece using their valid EU license. If the license expires, it must be renewed in the country of residence—if that's Greece, it will be converted to a Greek license.
- Non-EU citizens may need an International Driving Permit (IDP) to drive legally in Greece, depending on their country of origin and the duration of their stay.

For more information: [Gov.gr – Temporary Driving Licence](#)

Will I need a mailing address? What can I do if I am homeless?

There is no explicit requirement for a mailing address listed in the official Greek government sources for applying for or renewing a driver's license. However, during the application process, you are typically required to provide:

- A Tax Identification Number (AFM)
- A Social Insurance Number (AMKA)
- A mobile phone number
- An email address

These are used for communication and notification purposes throughout the [application process](#).

If you are homeless and do not have a fixed address, you may still be able to apply by:

- Using the address of a social services organization, municipal shelter, or legal aid provider that supports unhoused individuals
- Visiting a Citizen Service Center (KEP) for guidance on how to proceed in your specific situation

For more information, visit the [Gov.gr driving license renewal page](#).

What is the application process? Can I complete it online?

Parts of the process can be completed online but not all of it.

Step-by-Step Application Process

1. Meet the Minimum Age Requirement
You must meet the legal age requirement for the license category. Proof of age (e.g., birth certificate or national ID) is required.
2. Prove Residency in Greece
You must provide documentation showing you are a legal resident of Greece.
3. Medical Certification
You must obtain a certificate of mental and physical fitness from approved doctors.

The system will guide you to the appropriate medical specialties based on your application.

4. Start the Application Online
You can begin the process through the [Gov.gr Driver's License Portal](#) or the [Ministry of Transport's Digital Services](#). You will need:
 - TAXISnet credentials
 - To upload your photo and signature via the myphoto application
 - To pay the required electronic fees
5. Driver Training Card Issuance
After medical clearance and fee payment, a driver training card is issued. This allows you to begin lessons.
6. Driving School & Exams
 - Enroll in a certified driving school
 - Complete theoretical and practical training
 - The school will schedule your theory and practical exams
7. License Issuance
Once you pass both exams, your license is printed and issued by the Regional Unit of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport. You will be notified by email or SMS.
8. Renewals
Some aspects of license renewal can be completed online. See: [Renewal of a Driving Licence – Mitos.gov.gr](#)

Is there an application fee? Is there a waiver option if I cannot afford to pay it?

Yes, there are mandatory application fees for obtaining a driver's license in Greece. These fees must be paid through the official [e-paravolo](#) Platform, which requires:

- A Greek Taxpayer Identification Number (AFM/AΦΜ)
- A bank account for payment

Common Fees:

- **60 €** (Driving licence - issue, extension, renewal)
- **30 €** (Driving license printout)
- **20 €** (Theoretical Examination)
- **20€** (Skills and Behavior Test)

Source: <https://www1.gsis.gr/sgsisapps/eparavolo/public/create.htm?langId=2>

Waiver Option:

There is no publicly available waiver option for individuals who cannot afford to pay these fees.

How old do I have to be to apply for a state driver's license by myself?

The minimum age to apply for a driver's license in Greece depends on the vehicle category. Here are some common examples:

- AM (Moped): 16 years old
- A1 (Light motorcycle): 18 years old
- B (Passenger car): 18 years old
- C (Heavy goods vehicle): 21 years old
- D (Bus): 24 years old

You can find the full list of age requirements by vehicle category on the official Gov.gr page on age requirements for driving licenses.

Source: <https://www.gov.gr/en/sdg/vehicles/acquiring-and-renewing-driving-licence/getting-driving-licence/age-requirement>

What can I do if I do not have a parent or guardian who can go with me (and the application says I have to have one)?

There is no indication in official Greek government sources that a parent or guardian is required to accompany you when applying for a driver's license. As long as you meet the minimum age requirement for the license category and can provide the necessary documents, you may apply independently.

At what age can I get a driver's license card by myself?

The minimum age to obtain a driver's license card in Greece depends on the vehicle category. For example:

- 16 years old for mopeds (AM)
- 18 years old for passenger cars (B)
- 21 years old for heavy goods vehicles (C)

There is no requirement for parental consent once you meet the age and documentation requirements.

You can view the full list of age requirements by vehicle type on the official Gov.gr page.

Source: <https://www.gov.gr/en/sdg/vehicles/acquiring-and-renewing-driving-licence/getting-driving-licence/age-requirement>

Are there any special provisions for foster youth (children in custody of the government)?

No specific provisions were found in official Greek sources regarding foster youth applying for a driver's license. However, since the minimum age for a car license is 18, this question is generally not applicable to most youth in state care. Foster youth who meet the age and residency requirements can apply under the same conditions as any other applicant.

Are there any special provisions for homeless youth?

No special provisions were identified for homeless youth. As with foster youth, the minimum age requirement (e.g., 18 for a car license) limits the relevance of this question to most minors. That said, applicants must still meet the residency and documentation requirements, which may be challenging for individuals without a fixed address. In such cases, it is advisable to seek assistance from a Citizen Service Center (KEP) or a social services organization.

Will I have to take a test?

Yes, a test is required if the applicant does not already hold a driver's licence from another country that is being transferred to become an International Drivers Permit.

Obtaining a driving licence:

In order to take part in the theoretical examination and test of skills and behaviour (practical examination) to obtain a driving licence of any category, candidates or drivers must have completed a minimum number of hours of theoretical and practical training.

Theoretical and practical training are carried out at the Theory Training Centres for Candidate Drivers and Driving Schools respectively.

The competent Greek authority for carrying out the theoretical examination and the test of skills and behaviour (the practical examination) is the Transport & Communications Department of the Regional Unit of the Region (place of residence of the concerned person).

Source: Greek Government website: <https://www.gov.gr/en/sdg/vehicles/acquiring-and-renewing-driving-licence/getting-driving-licence/driver-training-and-driving-test>

Renewing a driving licence:

If you wish to renew EU driving licence, you need to undergo a medical examination to certify that you meet the minimum standards of physical and mental fitness required for each group of drivers.

Source: Greek Government website: <https://www.gov.gr/en/sdg/vehicles/acquiring-and-renewing-driving-licence/getting-driving-licence/renewing-driving-licence>

If applicable, do I have to make an appointment to take the test?

While official sources do not clearly state whether you must book the test yourself, it is generally arranged through your driving school, which coordinates with the Regional Unit's Transport Department. Procedures may vary by region, so it is best to confirm with your local driving school or Citizen Service Center (KEP).

Where can I take the driving test? What can I do if I cannot get to a testing location?

Not clear from the sources reviewed. This appears to be organized through driving instructor companies that provide lessons, but is not clearly stated in official government sources that we have found. It appears likely to be detailed at regional level by the relevant Regional Unit. Variations in local procedures may apply.

Driving tests in Greece are organized through certified driving schools, which coordinate with the Transport & Communications Department of the Regional Unit where the applicant resides. The theory and practical exams are scheduled by the driving school once the required training is completed.

- You must attend the test in person at the designated testing center in your region of residence.
- If you are unable to reach a testing location, you should speak with your driving school or contact your local Citizen Service Center (KEP) for guidance on possible accommodations.

[Gov.gr – Driver Training and Driving Test](#)

[Initial Driving Licence Process – Gov.gr](#)

Do I need to get a permit or authorization to practice driving before I get my driver's license?

Yes. Before you can begin driving lessons or take the exams, you must obtain a **driver training card**. This is issued after:

- Submitting your application online via [Gov.gr](#)
- Completing the required **medical examinations**
- Paying the applicable **electronic fees**

Once the training card is issued, you can begin **theoretical and practical lessons** at a certified driving school. This card functions similarly to a learner's permit.

Birth Certificate

What is the document detailing a person's birth called in this country?

It's called a Birth Certificate (πιστοποιητικό γέννησης) - [Registration Of A Birth - UNHCR Greece](#)

I'm not sure I have a birth certificate, what can I do to find out if I have one and where to get it?

If possible, first ask family members if they have your birth certificate or know if you have one. If this is not an option, you can contact the local registry (municipality) office in the area you were born (if you know this) and ask them to check their records - you will likely need to speak Greek to do this.

If you have TAXISNET credentials, you may be able to access your birth certificate online at <https://www.gov.gr/en/ipiresies/oikogeneia/gennese/pistopoietiko-genneses>

How do I get a copy of my birth certificate?

A copy of a birth certificate can be obtained at any KEP (a type of citizen advice centre) or the municipality where your birth was registered or online through the single digital gateway gov.gr

[Municipal Certificates: How to issue a certificate](#)

Can I order my birth certificate online?

Yes. You may be able to order a birth certificate for yourself or your child online. You will need your personal Taxisnet credentials.

If it is not possible to obtain the certificate directly online, you can obtain it at a later date through a KEP (Citizens' Service Centres) or the Municipality in which you are a registered citizen. Certificates are available online for births registered from 2013 onwards.

[Get a birth certificate - Gov.gr \(www.gov.gr\)](#)

[Get a birth registration certificate - Gov.gr \(www.gov.gr\)](#)

What documents will I need to get my birth certificate?

You will need your personal Taxisnet credentials to order online. To get Taxisnet credentials you need your ID Card Number, Tax Identification Number (AFM), a valid and active bank account number (IBAN) in which you are the only beneficiary or joint beneficiary, mobile phone number and the company it is registered with.

[Get a birth certificate - Gov.gr \(www.gov.gr\)](#)

What happens if I don't have some or all of the documents that are required?

If you don't have Taxisnet credentials or you don't have the documents to get Taxisnet credentials, you will need to contact the Registry in the Municipality where you were born or contact a KEP for assistance.

[Book an online appointment with a Citizens' Serv ... - Gov.gr \(www.gov.gr\)](#)

How old do I have to be to get a copy of my birth certificate by myself?

You need to be above 18 years old, otherwise your parents can issue an extract of your birth registration certificate for you.

You will need your personal Taxisnet credentials. To obtain your Taxisnet credentials, you must have an AFM, which is a Greek Tax Payer Identification number. In order to get an AFM in Greece, you need to be above 18 years old.

Sources:

- <https://mitos.gov.gr/index.php/ΔΔ:Ανηξιαρχική πράξη γέννησης>
- <https://www.gov.gr/en/upourgeia/upourgeio-metanasteuses-kai-asulou/metanasteuses-kai-asulou/elegkhos-apodoses-arithmou-phorologikou-metroou-se-katokhous-deltiou-aitountos-diethne-prostasia-dadp>
- <https://www.gov.gr/en/ipiresies/oikogeneia/gennese/lexiarkhike-praxe-genneses>
- <https://www.mygreekexpatjourney.com/post/how-do-i-get-a-tin-afm-in-greece>

What can I do if I do not have a parent or guardian who can go with me to get a birth certificate (and the application says I have to have one)?

If you are in Greece and do not have a parent or guardian to assist you with obtaining a birth certificate, the best course of action is to contact a [Citizen Service Center \(KEP\)](#). These centers provide support for a wide range of administrative services and can guide you through the process based on your specific situation.

What is the cost to get a birth certificate?

According to the official [Gov.gr birth certificate service page](#), there is no fee for obtaining a birth certificate if it is issued through the online platform or requested via a Citizen Service Center (KEP) or Municipality.

However, if the certificate is issued abroad by a Greek Consular Authority, a fee of €10 may apply, as noted on the [Mitos.gov.gr consular services page](#).

Is there a waiver if I cannot afford the fee?

Since the birth certificate is generally free of charge when issued within Greece, a waiver is not necessary in most cases. For certificates issued abroad where a fee may apply, no waiver option is currently listed in official sources.

Are there any special laws or provisions that can help get a birth certificate if I have been in the foster care system (children in custody of the government)?

No specific laws or provisions were found. However, individuals in state care may receive assistance from social services or a Citizen Service Center (KEP) to help navigate the process.

Are there any special laws or provisions that can help get a birth certificate if I am homeless?

No specific provisions were identified. However, proof of address is not required to obtain a birth certificate. Homeless individuals may seek assistance from a KEP or social services to help with the application.

Where do I get my birth certificate if I was born in another country?

If you were born abroad, you should contact the **relevant Greek consular authority** in the country of birth. They can assist with registering your birth in Greece or issuing a Greek birth certificate if your birth was previously registered.

Is there a way to get my birth certificate without going somewhere in person?

Yes. If your birth was registered in Greece from 2013 onward, you can obtain a copy of your birth certificate online through the [Gov.gr portal](#).

You will need TAXISnet credentials to log in. To obtain these, you must have:

- Your ID card number
- Your Tax Identification Number (AFM)
- A bank account (IBAN) in your name
- A mobile phone number and the name of the provider

[Get a birth certificate - Gov.gr \(www.gov.gr\)](#)

Where can I find information online about getting a birth certificate?

[Get a birth certificate - Gov.gr \(www.gov.gr\)](#)

[Registration Of A Birth - UNHCR Greece](#)

Non Greek speaking nationals that live in Greece can call the multi lingual call centre 24/7 on 1546

Making Changes to Government ID Documents

What vital doc should I start with to change my name? Is the process easier for one of the IDs?

In Greece, changing your name—especially your surname—is only permitted in exceptional cases and must be justified by serious reasons. The process differs slightly depending on whether you're changing your first name or surname, but in both cases, you will need to update your national ID card and passport.

Key Steps:

- **First Name Change:**
You must apply to the Magistrates' Court. A court order is required, especially if the name change is related to gender identity or other personal reasons.
- **Surname Change:**
You must apply through the municipality where you reside. Surname changes are generally only allowed for serious reasons and cannot be changed to a foreign name.
- **Update Your ID and Passport:**
Once your name change is legally approved:
 - Update your national ID card first, as it is required to update your passport.
 - If you do not have a national ID (e.g., if you live abroad), you will need an updated birth certificate to update your passport.

Relevant Authorities and Resources:

- [Gov.gr – Update your personal record](#)
- [Hellenic National Passport and Secure Document Center](#)
- [Issuance of a Greek Passport – Mitos.gov.gr](#)

How do I change my name on my birth certificate?

To change your name on your **birth certificate** in Greece:

- You must obtain a **final court order** or a **final administrative act** (e.g., in the case of marriage).
- Submit an application **in person** to the **registry office** (Ληξιαρχείο) where your birth was originally registered.
- There is **no online option** for this process.

- **Fees** range from **€30 to €90**, depending on how soon after the event the change is requested.

More info: [Mitos.gov.gr – Birth Record Amendments](#)

How do I change my name on my National ID?

To change your name on your **Greek national ID card**:

- Obtain a **court order** or a **municipal decision** approving the name change.
- Submit the following to the **police station** that issues ID cards:
 1. Your current ID card
 2. A copy of the official name change decision
 3. A completed application/solemn declaration
 4. One recent digital photo
 5. **Fee:** €10

More info:

[Mitos.gov.gr – ID Replacement Due to Name Change](#)

[Hellenic Police – ID Requirements](#)

How do I change my name on my Passport?

To update your passport after a name change:

- Submit the following to the passport office:
 1. Application/solemn declaration
 2. Recent color photograph
 3. Updated national ID card or birth certificate
 4. Your previous passport
 5. **Fee:** €58

More info:

- [Mitos.gov.gr – Passport Issuance](#)

- [Passport.gov.gr – Required Documents](#)

How do I change my name on my driver's license?

To update your driver's license:

- Submit the following to your local Directorate of Transport and Communications:
 1. Application/solemn declaration (including residency and license status)
 2. Copy of your ID, passport, or health booklet
 3. Application to print the new license
 4. One passport photo
 5. Copy of your current license
 6. Fee
 7. Updated birth certificate or court order

More info: [Wild.com.gr – Driver's License Name Change](#)

At what age can I change my name by myself?

There is no specific age limit stated in official Greek sources for changing your name. However, in practice, minors may require parental or guardian involvement, especially when submitting applications to the registry office (Ληξιαρχείο) or court.

Source: [Mitos.gov.gr – Amendments to Civil Registry Records](#)

What can I do if I do not have a parent or guardian with me to change my gender marker and do not have anyone else who can help me?

While parental consent is not explicitly required in the law, minors typically need adult assistance when dealing with administrative or legal processes. If you do not have a parent or guardian, you should:

- Contact your local Citizen Service Center (KEP) for guidance
- Seek support from a social worker or legal aid organization

Source: [Mitos.gov.gr – Amendments to Civil Registry Records](#)

What vital doc should I start with to change my gender marker? Is the process easier for one of the IDs?

To change your gender marker in Greece, you must first obtain a court order through the Magistrates' Court in your area of residence. This applies to all official documents, including your birth certificate, national ID, and passport.

Key Steps:

- Your attorney must file an application with the court, stating:
 - Your desired gender
 - The first name you wish to use
 - Any adjusted surname
- You must attach a copy of your birth certificate to the application.
- You must appear in person at the court hearing, where you will declare your intent to change your gender marker.
- Once granted, the court order is registered at the Registry Office that issued your birth certificate. The registration is handled confidentially.

The process is similar for all ID documents, but updating your national ID card is typically the first step, as it is required to update your passport.

More information: [Υπουργείο Εσωτερικών – Gender Marker Corrections](#)

How do I change my gender marker on my birth certificate?

Once you have obtained a court order confirming your gender marker change:

- The court decision must be submitted to the Registry Office (Ληξιαρχείο) that issued your birth certificate.
- The change is recorded in the birth registration document within one month of the court decision.
- The update may be submitted by:
 - The individual
 - A lawyer or authorized third party with a notarized power of attorney

More information: [Υπουργείο Εσωτερικών – Civil Registry Changes](#)

How do I change my gender marker on my National ID?

You need to get a court order or administrative act and submit it to the hellenic police together with the rest of the documentation needed to issue a national ID card.

<https://www.astynomia.gr/odigos-tou-politi/dikaiologitika/ekdosi-deltiou-taftotitas/>

How do I change my gender marker on my driver's license?

There isn't a gender marker on the Greek driver's licenses.

The information on a Greek driving license includes the following personal details of the holder: surname, first name, date of birth, place of birth. Additionally, it includes the license number, the date of issue, the date of expiry, and the issuing authority. The license also contains a photograph of the holder and their signature.

Source: <https://www.taxheaven.gr/news/60141/ta-nea-pshfiaka-ergaleia-taytothta-kai-diplwma-odhghshs-se-efarmogh-wallet-diorowsh-stoixeion-proswpoy-kai-metabibash-epibatikoy-oxhmatos-mesw-govgr>

At what age can I change my gender marker by myself?

You need to be at least 18 years old.

Source: https://mitos.gov.gr/index.php/ΔΔ:Διόρθωση_φύλου_σε_ληξιαρχική_πράξη_γέννησης

What can I do if I do not have a parent or guardian with me to change my gender marker and do not have anyone else who can help me?

You can only change your gender marker on your own if you are above 18 years old. If you are 17 years old, you need explicit consent of your legal guardian and if you are above 15 years old but below 17, you will also need approval from an interdisciplinary committee.

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