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I Am Here: obtaining your identification and vital documents

Luxembourg

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National Identification Cards

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

- 1. If you are a (i) Luxemburg national, and (ii) aged at least 15 and over; and (iii) resident in the Grand Duchy, you need a Luxemburg ID Card
- If you are a EU citizen, you may stay in Luxemburg for less than 3 months with only a National ID Card or passport.
- 3. If you are a third-country national, you may stay or transit in Luxemburg for less than 90 days, with a valid passport and after having obtained a Visa. After entering the country you must either make a declaration of arrival in the commune of temporary residence, or complete an accommodation form at the establishment where you are.
- If you wish to stay for more than 3 months, you need to go through specific procedures depending on the reasons. Please check here: <u>Citizens - Guichet.lu -</u> <u>Luxembourg</u>

What is the process for getting a National ID card?

An identity card is mandatory for anyone over the age of 15 and resident in Luxembourg. For under age 15, it is optional and must be applied for by a parent with parental authority.

The cost is:

- EUR 14 for anyone over the age of 15,
- EUR10 for children between ages 4 and 15, and
- EUR5 for children under the age of 4.

To obtain an identity card if under age 15:

- If the child lives at the same address as at least one parent (or the parent living at a different address has agreed) the application can be made by the parent or can be completed by a power of attorney and signed by the parent.
- If the child does not live with either parent, someone with proof of parental responsibility can apply.
- The applicant and child must be present at the registration process (even if the ID card is for an infant) and go in person to Guichet.lu reception desk or the population office of the commune where they live. Photographs are taken.

The ID card will show the first and last names and must be those listed in the **National Registry of National Persons**.

A child can acquire <u>Luxembourish nationality</u> if they were born in Luxembourg or they completed 7 years of schooling in Luxembourg. If not, <u>Luxembourish nationality</u> can be obtained by attending <u>a course</u> - see link below:

Additional information is available at: Citizens - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

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

Application for a Luxembourg identity card - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

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

The ID request must be accompanied by the following documents:

- proof of payment of the amount of the tax (<u>Applying for a Luxembourg identity card</u> non-resident – Citizens – Guichet.lu - Administrative Guide - Luxembourg (public.lu));
- a valid identity document (passport or Luxembourg identity card) or, failing that, a certificate of nationality;
- a recent document less than 6 months old issued by the commune of residence indicating the address and composition of the household (certificate of residence, certificate of composition of the family, certificate of domicile, etc.);
- a marriage certificate if the applicant wishes their spouse's name to be on the identity card. This certificate is only necessary if the spouse is not registered in the National Register of Natural Persons;

in case of loss, theft or destruction of the old card, an official certificate issued by the police.

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

Your name and address for your ID application are those in the RNPP (National Registry of Natural Persons - Registre national des personnes physiques).

If your address or name changed at the date of your application, you need to update your information on the RNPP prior to initiating the request for ID.

Sources:

Consulting my personal data recorded in the National Registry of Natural Persons (RNPP) - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

Loi du 19 juin 2013 relative à l'identification... - Legilux

Article 102 and sub. of the Luxembourg civil code: Code civil - Legilux

Déclaration d'un déménagement à la commune de résidence - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

What if I only have foreign documents?

National ID cards are only available to citizens of Luxembourg. This applies if you were either born in Luxembourg or born abroad (but are still a citizen). If you think you are already a citizen of Luxembourg (but don't have Luxemburgish documents) you can still apply for a National ID card.

To use foreign documents, you will first need to obtain a <u>Certificate of Nationality</u>. You will (at a minimum) need to provide the following information:

- Your surname and first name(s), date and place of birth, and address;
- the surname(s) and first name(s), dates and places of birth of your parents;
- why you need a Certificate of Nationality (you can say to get a National ID card).

Any documents (including foreign documents) which can help support your case that you are a Luxembourg citizen should also be provided, such as any foreign adoption records or any foreign ID documents you have.

Sources:

Guichet.lu - Application for a Luxembourg National ID card

Guichet.lu - Certificate of nationality

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

The answer is not on the government website or the related legislation. They list what documents to bring with you but not what happens if they are not accepted.

- Application for a Luxembourg identity card Guichet.lu Luxembourg (especially under the "How to Proceed" section)
- Loi du 19 juin 2013 relative à l'identification... Legilux

The contact details for the Guichet helpdesk are below:

- Address: 11, rue Notre-DameL-2240 Luxembourg
- Working days from 8.00 to 18.00.
- Phone: (+352) 247 82 000

There's also a <u>contact form</u> or you can <u>book an appointment</u> for an in person at the reception desk or video call via MyGuichet.lu.

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

No, but only Luxembourg nationals (whether resident or non-resident in Luxembourg) can obtain a national ID card.

Application for a Luxembourg identity card - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

Application for a Luxembourg identity card - Guichet, lu - Luxembourg

How one can be considered a "Luxembourg national" or obtain Luxembourg nationality is explained at a high level in the chart made available by the Luxembourg government here: Law on luxemburgisch nationality: key points

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

You **do not** need to be a resident to get a Luxembourg identity card. So long as you are a Luxembourg national (citizen), you can get an identity card even if you are not resident in Luxembourg.

Application for a Luxembourg identity card - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

Citizenship

National identity cards are produced using data held in the National Registry of Natural Persons (Registre national des personnes physiques, RNPP). You are automatically a Luxembourg national if either of your parents was a Luxembourg national when you were born. You may also be a Luxembourg national if you were born in Luxembourg or if you lived in Luxembourg when you turned 18.

Obtaining Luxembourgish nationality by simple operation of law - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

Residency

There are different ways you can be considered to be a resident in Luxembourg. Stated simply, a resident is someone who is legally authorized on some basis to live and/or work in Luxembourg. This can be based on a residency permit, a work permit, or a student visa, for example.

The following brochure explains different residency scenarios at a high level: bro bienvenue non UE UK.axd

To prove residency, you will need proof of your address in Luxembourg (for example, copy of a utility bill or copy of a lease/rental contract) and proof of your legal residency status, such as your residency permit, work permit, or student visa.

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

You do not need residency to obtain a national ID card in Luxembourg. You can apply for residency on various bases depending on your situation.

The following third-party website provides a helpful starting point for common questions on visas and residency and provides links to Luxembourg Government websites: <u>Staying in Luxembourg</u>: what are the administrative procedures?

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

A fixed address is not required for a National ID card. As long as you have proof of payment (and consent of a parent/guardian if under 18 years old) then you can get an ID card from the commune closest to you or the Guichet.lu reception desk.

You can pay online here.

If you **previously had an ID card which was lost, stolen or destroyed**, then you must inform the police at any local police station (you can also declare it online at MyGuichet.lu) - you will get a certificate from the police. Also, at the same time as informing the police, tell the <u>Guichet.lu reception desk</u>. This certificate is then submitted with the proof of payment.

Sources:

Guichet lu - Application for a Luxembourg identity card

Loss, theft or destruction of an ID card

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

The basic process for applying for a national ID is explained here:

Luxembourg nationals resident in Luxembourg: <u>Application for a Luxembourg identity card - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg</u>

Luxembourg nationals not resident in Luxembourg: <u>Application for a Luxembourg identity</u> card - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

To apply, you need to go to your communal administration office or to the <u>Guichet.lu</u> reception desk.

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

There is an application fee which varies depending on your situation.

If you are over 15 years old then it will cost you €14 at a Guichet.lu reception desk or your commune of residence. If you are applying to a consulate (normally the case if you live outside of Luxembourg), it will cost €34.

- If you are 15 years old or younger, then it will cost <u>€10</u> at a reception desk/your commune or €30 in a consulate.
- If you (or the person you are applying for) are under 4 years old then the fees are <u>€5</u> at a reception desk/your commune or €25 at a consulate.

In all situations, you can apply for a fast-track procedure (if you need your ID card quickly), then the fee is fixed at €45.

Source: Guichet.lu - Application for a Luxembourg identity card

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

Only Luxembourg citizens can apply for a National ID card. If you are a citizen and live in Luxembourg, a National ID card is compulsory if you are over 15 years old.

Generally, you must be 18 years old to apply for a National ID card yourself.

If you are under 18 and don't have a parent or guardian, but you are still a citizen of Luxembourg, then the Court can help you by providing guardianship monitored by a judge.

You may write to a family court judge in either Luxembourg or Diekirch explaining your situation. There are no formal requirements, but it is useful to put as much information as possible to help the judge help you. You can also phone using the numbers listed below.

Family court judge exercising the function of guardianship judge

BC Building Judicial City L-2080 Luxembourg Tel.: (+352) 475981-2352

Fax: (+352) 475981-2790

Family court judge exercising the function of guardianship judge

Place Guillaume, 4 L-9237 Diekirch

Tel.: (+352) 803214-75

Once you have guardianship from a judge, they will be able to help you apply for a National ID card.

Sources:

Guichet.lu - Application for a Luxembourg identity card

Justice.lu - Guardianship of Minors

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 do not have a parent or guardian who can go with you, it would be best to contact the Passport, Visa and Legalisation Office for more information on how to proceed with your passport application. You can contact the Passport, Visa and Legalisation Office in Luxembourg by visiting their office at 6, rue de l'Ancien Athénée L-1144 Luxembourg. Their reception desk is open from Monday to Friday from 8.30 to 16.001. You can also call them at (+352) 247-88300 from Monday to Friday between 8.30-11.30 & 13h-16h.

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

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

The Luxembourg Red Cross supports young people in difficult situations and helps them set up the conditions they need to live independently. <u>Young people and families - Luxembourg Red Cross</u>, Mënschen hëllefen (croix-rouge.lu)

Are there any special provisions for homeless youth?

If you are a citizen of Luxembourg, you can still get a National ID even without a fixed address. You can do this either through the closest commune to you or through the <u>Guichet.lu reception desk</u>, which is open 8am until 5pm Monday to Friday. A full list and map of communal administrations can be found here: <u>Communal Administrations - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg</u>

If you are **under 18** and **don't have a parent or guardian, but you are still a citizen of Luxembourg**, then the Court can help you by providing guardianship monitored by a judge.

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Sources:

Guichet, lu - Physical reception desk: Communal Administrations - Guichet, lu - Luxembourg

Guichet.lu - Application for a Luxembourg identity card: Application for a Luxembourg identity card - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

Justice.lu - Guardianship of Minors: Tutelle mineurs - Famille - La Justice - Luxembourg

Will I have to take a test?

No test is required to get an ID.

But a test is required to get citizenship, which can help getting an ID.

Before acquiring Luxembourgish nationality by naturalisation, and in certain cases by option declaration, applicants must be able to **demonstrate knowledge** in the following areas:

- the Luxembourgish language, as evidenced by a Luxembourgish language test pass certificate or a certificate confirming participation in a Luxembourgish language course;
- the fundamental rights of citizens, the state and local institutions of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, as well as the history of Luxembourg and European integration, as documented by a "Vivre ensemble au Grand-Duché de Luxembourg" certificate.

<u>Prerequisites for voluntary acquisition of nationality — Citizens — Guichet.lu - Administrative Guide - Luxembourg (public.lu)</u>

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

Not applicable to get an ID

For citizenship, registration to the course "Vivre ensemble au Grand-Duché de Luxembourg" - only available to adults - can be made online.

For the other tests (Luxembourgish oral exam), you need to register prior to the deadline.

<u>Prerequisites for voluntary acquisition of nationality — Citizens — Guichet.lu - Administrative Guide - Luxembourg (public.lu).</u>

Driver's License

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

The Driving License Service of the <u>Société Nationale de Circulation Automobile (SNCA)</u> is responsible for issuing driver's licenses in Luxembourg.

Source:

Permis de conduire - Secteurs - Portail TRANSPORTS - Luxembourg

SNCA website:

SNCA - Luxembourg

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

Driving licenses, regardless of their category, must be obtained through an <u>approved driving school</u> in Luxembourg.

The driving school completes the **application for a driving licence** and **submits** it to the '<u>Driving Licence Office</u>' (*Service des permis de conduire*) of the National Society of Automotive Traffic (SNCA).

To obtain a license, you must:

- Be eligible for the relevant driving license category. Requirements are as described here.
- Do all of the following:
 - Application: Submit the required application to the Driving License Service of the Société Nationale de Circulation Automobile (SNCA). This includes a medical exam, providing a criminal record extract, and paying fees.
 - Here's the application.
 - Contact details for the SNCA in case additional information is:
 - Tel.: (+352) 26 626 400
 - Address: Service Driving license, Société Nationale de Circulation Automobile, BP 23, L-5201 Sandweiler, Luxembourg

- Training: Complete mandatory theoretical (minimum 12 hours) and practical (minimum 16 hours) training at <u>an approved driving school</u> in Luxembourg. This includes passing both a theoretical and practical exam.
 - Theoretical exam information: <u>Theory test Driving licences SNCA Luxembourg</u>
 - Practical exam information: <u>Practical test Driving licences SNCA Luxembourg</u>
- Post-Exam Mandatory Training: contact the Driver Training Center (<u>CFC</u>) for the compulsory one-day safety training course at a training Centre:

Motorists:

- Since 1 July 1995, all novice category B (car) drivers in Luxembourg are required to take part in a day of safe driving training (Article 83 of the Highway Code).
- At the earliest 3 months after obtaining the driving license and at the latest before the end of the two-year training period. Training is offered from Tuesday to Sunday, except on public holidays.
- Duration: from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (1 hour lunch break)
- Price:
 - Tuesday to Friday: 234.00 €
 - Saturday and Sunday: 260.00 €

Motorcyclists:

- Since 1 July 1995, all new holders of a category A2 (motorcycle) driving licence residing in Luxembourg are required to take part in a day of safe driving training (Article 83 of the Highway Code).
- At the earliest 3 months after obtaining the driving license and at the latest before the end of the two-year training period.
- Duration: from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (1 hour lunch break)
- Price:
 - Tuesday to Friday: 234.00 €
 - Saturday and Sunday: 260.00 €

Once this mandatory training is completed, candidates can then apply for their **final licence**. The final licence is not issued until one month before the end of the training licence validity period.

Sources:

Conducteur - Permis de conduire - Secteurs - Portail TRANSPORTS - Luxembourg

Taking the driving test - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

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

Information about getting a driver's license can be found here:

Portail Transports:

Permis de conduire - Secteurs - Portail TRANSPORTS - Luxembourg

Guichet (Luxembourg state information website):

Taking the driving test - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

Guichet.lu Helpdesk:

Phone: (+352) 247 82 000

Expatica:

Tips on how to get your driving license in Luxembourg | Expatica

SNCA:

Driving licences - SNCA - Luxembourg

SNCA Call Center

Monday to Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Phone: (+352) 26 626 400

Email: info@snca.lu

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?

Filing an application

The driving school completes the **application for a driving licence** and **submits** it to the '<u>Driving Licence Office</u>' (*Service des permis de conduire*) of the National Society of Automotive Traffic (SNCA).

The **candidate must sign the application**. If the candidate is a minor, the application must be signed by their legal guardian.

For the driving licences of category A and B, the minimum age for beginning the training is 17 years and a half.

Supporting documents

Applicants **must** submit the following documents:

- a recent passport photograph (taken from the front) in 45 × 35 mm format;
- a medical certificate issued less than 3 months previously;
- a tax stamp of EUR 30 (attached by the driving school);
- if the candidate:
- is a minor: a copy of the identity document of their legal guardian:
- is an adult: a recent extract of their criminal record No 4;
- has been residing in Luxembourg for less than 5 years: an extract from the criminal record of their last place of residence outside Luxembourg;
- a copy of their valid ID card.

Source:

Taking the driving test - Guichet lu - Luxembourg

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

Source: Correction or update of personal data in the National Registry of Natural Persons (RNPP) - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

Correction or update of personal data in the National Registry of Natural Persons (RNPP)

The purpose of the <u>National Registry of Natural Persons</u> (*Registre national des personnes physiques* - RNPP) is to ensure the accuracy of recorded data, based on supporting documentation, and provide the administration with access to accurate and up-to-date information. This data is used for the production of passports, ID cards, driver's licences and other official documents.

Anyone listed in the RNPP is entitled to <u>consult their personal data</u>. Should the data prove to be incomplete or inaccurate, the person in question can apply to have it rectified or updated.

The application for rectification of data in the RNPP is not to be used by residents who are moving to another place of residence in Luxembourg and who wish to <u>declare a change of address</u>. In this case, it is only necessary to submit a declaration of change of place of residence using MyGuichet.lu.

Only Luxembourg residents can apply to have their personal data rectified.

Applications to rectify personal data can also be filed:

- either directly with the commune office;
- or by simple letter to the <u>RNPP</u>.

If the interested party is a non-emancipated minor, the application must be made by a parent with parental authority or by the legal guardian.

What if I only have foreign documents?

Driving licences issued by European Union (EU) and European Economic Area (EEA) member states benefit from mutual recognition within these geographical areas.

Source:

Validity of a driving licence when relocating within the EEA - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

You can apply to the <u>National Society of Automotive Traffic</u> (Société nationale de circulation automobile - SNCA) to have a foreign driving licence exchanged, registered or converted, subject to certain conditions.

Conversion is for drivers who obtained their driving licence in a non-EEA Member State. These licences must be converted into Luxembourg driving licences within one year of taking up normal residence in Luxembourg.

Source:

<u>Having a foreign driving licence registered, exchanged or converted - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg</u>

In order to apply for a new driving licence in Luxembourg, you need a valid Luxembourg ID card to apply.

Source:

Taking the driving test - Guichet lu - Luxembourg

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

There is no information about this on the Guichet website.

Driving licence - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

You may want to consider contacting the SNCA Call Center or Guichet.lu Helpdesk for more information:

SNCA Call Center

Monday to Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 16:30 p.m.

Phone: (+352) 26 626 400 Email: info@snca.lu

The contact details for the Guichet helpdesk are below:

Guichet.lu Helpdesk

Address:11, rue Notre-DameL-2240 Luxembourg Working days from 8.00 to 18.00.

Phone: (+352) 247 82 000

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

Yes. The practical driving test is open to any person residing in Luxembourg: <u>Taking the</u> driving test - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg.

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

Residency

There are different ways you can be considered to be a resident in Luxembourg. Stated simply, a resident is someone who is legally authorized on some basis to live and/or work in Luxembourg. This can be based on a residency permit, a work permit, or a student visa, for example.

The following brochure explains different residency scenarios at a high level: bro bienvenue non UE UK.gxd.

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

If the applicant already has a driving licence from another country, they may:

- be able to rely on that existing licence (generally only if the driving licence was issued by a member state of the European Union (EU) or the European Economic Area (EEA). Source
- apply to the <u>National Society of Automotive Traffic</u> (Société nationale de circulation automobile SNCA) to have a foreign driving licence exchanged, registered or converted, subject to certain conditions. Registration and exchange apply where the original licence was granted in a Member State of the **European Economic Area** (EEA). Conversion is for drivers who obtained their driving licence in a non-EEA Member State. These licences must be converted into Luxembourg driving licences within one year of taking up normal residence in Luxembourg. Source

Source: International - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

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

The application to obtain a driver's licence has an address field for the applicant, accompanying drivers and if you are a minor, your legal guardian.

It's not clear whether an address is needed or if that field can be left blank when submitting the application.

Consider reaching out to the National Society of Automatic Traffic (SNCA) Driving Licence Office details below:

Address: 11, rue de Luxembourg, L-5230 Sandweiler, Luxembourg

Mailing Address: B.P. 23, L-5201 Sandweiler

Phone: (+352) 26 62 64 00

Working Hours: Monday to Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Email: pdc@snca.lu

Website: http://www.snca.lu

Contact Page

Sources:

Taking the driving test

Application for Obtaining/Extending Driving Permit

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

You will first need a medical certificate from a general practitioner. You must then register with a driving school who will administer your learner's certificate. After this, you must do a **theory test,** which can be booked and managed by:

- make an appointment online using MyGuichet.lu;
- cancel their appointment via MyGuichet.lu;
- make an appointment by phone or email to the SNCA.

After taking your practical test, the driving school will fill in an application, which you (or a parent/guardian if you are under 18) will sign. This is then sent to the SNCA who will assess the application. You also need to submit the following:

- a recent passport photograph (taken from the front) in 45 × 35 mm format;
- a medical certificate issued less than 3 months previously;
- EUR 30 fee (attached by the driving school);
- if you are:
 - a minor: a copy of the identity document of your legal guardian;
 - an adult: a recent extract of your criminal record;
 - have been residing in Luxembourg for less than 5 years: an extract from the criminal record of your last place of residence outside Luxembourg;
- a copy of your valid ID card.

Full details on the application process can be found here: <u>Taking the driving test - Guichet.lu</u> - Luxembourg

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

There is a fee of €30 (as well as any costs of driving school). There do not appear to be any exemptions to this fee, but the SNCA could be contacted and they may be willing to make exceptions in particular circumstances.

SNCA contact link: Contact — SNCA - Luxembourg

Sources:

Taking the driving test - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

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

You must be 16 years old to get a moped, light motorcycle or tractor license. You will need a quardian to sign it if you are under 18.

You must be 18 years old to get a standard car license.

You must be 20 years old to get a full motorcycle license with no restrictions and you must be 21 years old to get a license to carry more than 9 people in a vehicle.

You must pass the relevant theory and practical tests for the above licenses, as well as a medical certificate.

If you are under 18 years old and don't have a parent/guardian, then it is possible to get a moped license if you have guardianship from a judge. To get guardianship from a judge, contact one of the offices below (mail or phone) and explain your situation in as much detail as possible. There are no formal requirements.

Juge aux affaires familiales exerçant la fonction de juge des tutelles

Bâtiment BC Cité judiciaire L-2080 Luxembourg Tél.: (+352) 475981-2352

Fax: (+352) 475981-2790

Juge aux affaires familiales exerçant la fonction de juge des tutelles

Place Guillaume, 4 L-9237 Diekirch Tél.: (+352) 803214-75

Source:

Having a foreign driving licence registered, exchanged or converted - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

Taking the driving test - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

Tutelle mineurs - Famille - La Justice - Luxembourg

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 and don't have a parent or guardian**, then the Court can help you by providing guardianship monitored by a judge. Once in place, the judge's office will be able to act as your guardian and provide any consents needed.

You should write to a family court judge in either Luxembourg or Diekirch explaining your situation. There are no formal requirements, but it is useful to put as much information as possible to help the judge help you. You can also phone using the numbers listed below.

Family court judge exercising the function of guardianship judge

BC Building Judicial City L-2080 Luxembourg Tel.: (+352) 475981-2352

Fax: (+352) 475981-2790

Family court judge exercising the function of guardianship judge

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Source:

Tutelle mineurs - Famille - La Justice - Luxembourg

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You must pass the relevant theory and practical tests for the above licenses, as well as a medical certificate.

If you have a driver's license from another European country (specifically, an <u>EEA Country</u>), you can normally exchange you license for a Luxembourg license for €30. There doesn't appear to be an age restriction, so this will be the age you need to be in that country.

Source:

Having a foreign driving licence registered, exchanged or converted - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

Taking the driving test - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

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

No. There are no specific provisions covering foster youth applying for a driver's license.

Source:

Taking the driving test - Guichet lu - Luxembourg

Are there any special provisions for homeless youth?

No. There are no specific provisions covering homeless youth applying for a driver's license.

Source: Taking the driving test - Guichet lu - Luxembourg

Will I have to take a test?

Yes. In order to get a driving license you will need to past a Theory Test and a Practical Test.

Source:

Taking the driving test - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

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

Yes. You must make an appointment for the Theory Test and the Practical Test.

Theory Test

Candidates must make an appointment beforehand to pass the theory test. Appointments can only be made if the candidate is already registered with a driving school and if they have the learner's certificate (with a corresponding file number).

Candidates can:

- make an appointment online using MvGuichet.lu:
- cancel their appointment via MyGuichet.lu;
- make an appointment by phone or email to the SNCA.

When taking the test, candidates must present their valid ID card and learner's certificate.

The theory test can:

- be taken, at the candidate's choice, in Luxembourgish, French, German, Portuguese or English at one of the SNCA's sites:
 - in Sandweiler on Tuesdays:

- in Fridhaff on Wednesdays;
- in Esch-sur-Alzette on Thursdays;
- at the request of the driving school, be taken verbally by appointment and, if necessary, in the company of a <u>sworn translator</u>. This examination takes place on Mondays and Fridays at the SNCA site in <u>Sandweiler</u> only.

Practical Test

The practical test takes place by appointment with one of the test centres. The approved driving-school must register the candidate for the practical test.

See here, the list of approved driving schools in Luxembourg.

Taking the driving test - Guichet lu - Luxembourg

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

Driving Tests must be taken at a test centre. This will need be arranged through your approved driving-school.

Approved driving schools list here: approved driving school.

Source: Taking the driving test - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

There is no information provided on the Guichet website about what happens if you cannot get to a testing location.

Personal means of transport - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

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

Yes. You must first complete the following steps:

- Have a medical examination from a general practitioner. They will check they you are fit enough to drive and don't have any health issues which might make driving dangerous.
- 2. Register with an <u>approved driving school</u> in Luxembourg. You can switch to another driving school at any time.

The driving school will then give you a learners certificate.

Birth Certificate

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

A birth certificate (or "acte de naissance").

Birth certificate - Guichet lu - Luxembourg

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?

You should direct your request to commune (civil registrar's office) of the place of your birth.

For the City of Luxemburg: Communal Administrations (Beaufort 9, rue de l'Eglise L-6315 Beauf).

To obtain a birth of certificate you should approach commune (civil registrar's office) of the place of your birth.

If you were born in the commune of the City of Luxembourg, you can apply:

- online on the website of the City of Luxembourg;
- in person, at the following address: 44, place Guillaume II or 2, rue Notre-Dame, L-2090 Luxembourg.

Birth certificate - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

How do I get a copy of my birth certificate?

There is different way to get a copy of your birth certificate.

Birth certificate are issued by the commune of the place of birth.

A commune can only issue long- or short-form birth certificates for citizens born within the commune

To obtain a birth certificate, individuals have the option, depending on the commune, to submit their application:

- in person: to the civil registrar's office, upon presentation of a valid ID card;
- electronically: by submitting an application online;
- by phone (during the opening hours of the communal administration).

A cost is associated with this request (between 25€ and 50€).

Requesting a birth certificate — Citizens — Guichet.lu - Administrative Guide - Luxembourg (public.lu)

Can I order my birth certificate online?

It depends on the municipality where you were born.

Some municipalities offer this service and others not.

Municipalities offering the online service:

- Beckerich
- Berdorf
- Bettembourg
- Dudelange
- Esch-sur-Alzette
- Hobscheid
- Junglinster
- Lenningen
- Luxembourg (Bierger-Center)
- Luxembourg (état civil)
- Niederanven
- Nommern
- Pétange
- Roeser
- Schengen
- Strassen

Copies of birth certificates prior to 1923 cannot be requested online.

Requesting a birth certificate — Citizens — Guichet.lu - Administrative Guide - Luxembourg (public.lu)

What documents will I need to get my birth certificate?

If you were born in the Ville de Luxembourg, you will need a copy of your national identity card to obtain a copy of your birth certificate.

Other communes may require you to submit other documents or evidence to obtain your birth certificate.

Birth certificate - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

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

If you do not have an ID card, you can still obtain a copy of your birth certificate in Luxembourg by following these steps:

- Affidavit of Identity: Visit the <u>Civil Registry Office (Offices de l'état civil)</u> of the municipality where you were born and explain that you do not have an ID card. In such cases, they may ask you to provide an Affidavit of Identity (Attestation sur l'honneur) instead. This is a written statement where you declare your identity and explain why you do not possess an ID card. The Civil Registry Office will provide you with the necessary form or guide you on how to prepare the affidavit.
- Supporting documents: Along with the Affidavit of Identity, you will need to provide supporting documents that can verify your identity. Examples of acceptable supporting documents may include a passport (if you have one), a driver's license, a residence permit, a social security card, or any other official document that includes your name and date of birth.
- Fill out the application form: Request an application form for a copy of your birth certificate and fill it out with your full name, date of birth, and the names of your parents. Provide any other required information as indicated on the form.
- Pay the fee: Inquire about the fee for obtaining a copy of your birth certificate at the Civil Registry Office. The fee may vary depending on the municipality. Ensure you have the necessary funds to pay the fee.
- Wait for processing: Submit your completed application form, Affidavit of Identity, supporting documents, and payment to the Civil Registry Office. They will process your request, and you should receive your copy of the birth certificate within a few weeks

You may consider contacting the <u>Civil Registry Office</u> of the municipality where you were born to confirm the specific requirements and procedures, as they may vary slightly. They can provide you with accurate information and guide you through the process, considering your specific situation.

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

You have to be 18 years old or an emancipated minor. If you an unemancipated minor, the application must be submitted by a person with parental authority over you.

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 a parent or legal guardian is unavailable, the minor's situation may require special consideration. In such cases, it is advisable to contact the <u>Civil Registry Office</u> directly to discuss the specific circumstances and inquire about any alternative procedures or requirements that may be in place for minors without parental or guardian accompaniment.

It's important to note that the procedures may vary slightly between municipalities in Luxembourg. Contacting the relevant <u>Civil Registry Office</u> will provide the most accurate and up-to-date information regarding the process of obtaining a birth certificate for a minor in Luxembourg.

What is the cost to get a birth certificate?

Typically this is free but some communes may charge a small tax (for example, Ettelbruck charges a \leq 6.50 fee). Fees appear to be the exception, although you should check the website of your commune to check for any fees.

Sources:

Guichet.lu - Birth certificate

Ettelbruck - certificate fee

Is there a waiver if I cannot afford the fee?

There is a system in place that allows individuals who are unable to pay administrative fees for obtaining vital documents such as birth certificates, to request a fee waiver. The fee waiver is based on specific criteria and is subject to approval by the competent authorities.

To inquire about the possibility of a fee waiver for obtaining your birth certificate in Luxembourg, you should contact the <u>Civil Registry Office</u> (Offices de l'état civil) of the municipality where you were born. Explain your financial situation and inability to pay the fees associated with obtaining the birth certificate. They will provide you with information on the process for requesting a fee waiver and the specific criteria that need to be met.

The Civil Registry Office will review your case and determine whether you qualify for a fee waiver based on the provided criteria. It's important to note that each case is considered individually, and the decision ultimately lies with the authorities.

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)?

If you have been in foster care and are under 18, a person with parental authority (e.g. a legal authority shall represent the child to get the birth certificate. We are not aware of any specific processes to address this situation.

If you are adult, you can apply for a birth certificate through standard procedure.

To get more information, we could consider contacting: Service National de l'Enfance (SNE), which is the national authority responsible for child protection and welfare in Luxembourg.

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

We are not aware of any special laws or provisions that apply in this situation. Being homeless should not impede you from obtaining your birth certificate, but you may need to contact the commune where you were born directly. The online application forms may not be helpful in this situation because usually require you to provide an address.

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

If your birth was registered in your country of birth, you may be able to obtain a birth certificate from the country in which you were born (see the guidance for that country on this site).

If you are a Luxembourg national, you can then request the transcription of your foreign birth certificate so that it is recognised in Luxembourg. You should contact your local commune for this.

Proof of registration of birth - Guichet lu - Luxembourg

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

Yes.

To obtain a birth certificate, you have the option, depending on the commune, to submit your application:

- in person: to the civil registrar's office,
- electronically: by submitting an application online;
- by post;
- by phone (during the opening hours of the communal administration).

You can check which commune offers an online application for birth certificates under the heading 'Forms / Online services' at the Requesting a birth certificate — Citizens — Guichet.lu - Administrative Guide - Luxembourg (public.lu)

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

You should check: <u>Guichet.lu - Administrative Guide - Luxembourg</u>. The specific information might be found on <u>Requesting a birth certificate — Citizens — Guichet.lu - Administrative</u> <u>Guide - Luxembourg (public.lu)</u>

Making Changes to Government ID Documents

How can I apply to change my name?

You can apply to change your name in Luxembourg if you are a Luxembourg national, a refugee or stateless.

If you are 18 or older, you can apply to change your name in writing to the <u>Minister of Justice</u>. You can do this on your own or through a lawyer. You can also apply online. If you are under 18 then the application must be made by your parent or legal guardian.

As part of your application, you will need to provide your existing identity documents and other supporting documentation. You will also need to show that there are exceptional circumstances and important reasons why you want to change your name.

There is no charge to make the application to change your name.

The Minister of Justice will decide whether or not to approve your application. If your application is successful, you will be sent a ministerial decree authorising the change of name. You can then use this certificate to start changing the names shown on your other identity documents.

Requesting a change of surname and/or first name(s) - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

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

After the ministerial decree has been granted, it should be straightforward to change the name shown on all of your identity documents.

The application process will be easier with the following documents:

- a full copy of the birth certificate issued within the last 6 months (and not just an extract);
- a copy of the current, valid passport.

Where these are not available, a copy of a different identity document or travel document, along with any other document which you deem pertinent. The Minister of Justice assessing the application may ask the applicant to produce additional documents. The Minister of Justice can also grant an exemption, upon a reasoned request, if the applicant is materially unable to submit a particular document.

All supporting documents must be written in Luxembourgish, French or German, or translated into one of these languages by a sworn translator certified by the Supreme Court of Justice or by a foreign public authority.

Requesting a change of surname and/or first name(s) - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

How do I change my name on my birth certificate?

Once the name change application has been granted by the Minister of Justice, a copy of the ministerial decree authorising the name change is given to the applicant. The civil register will automatically record the change on the applicant's birth certificate and an update will be made to the National Registry of Natural Persons.

Requesting a change of surname and/or first name(s) - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

The following people can apply to change their names:

- anyone holding Luxembourg nationality, whether resident in Luxembourg or abroad; or
- 2. anyone recognised as stateless; or
- anyone holding refugee or subsidiary protection status.

The application is free of charge. Applications can be made in writing or online with supporting documents and reasons for applying.

How do I change my name on my National ID?

Once the name change application has been granted by the Minister of Justice, the applicant must then apply for a reissue, in their new name now recorded in the National Registry of Natural Persons, of their national ID card. The application can be made in person to the commune of residence or to the Guichet.lu reception desk. A fee is payable depending on the age of the applicant.

Application for a Luxembourg identity card - Guichet lu - Luxembourg

Requesting a change of surname and/or first name(s) - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

An ID card compulsory for every person of Luxembourgish nationality who is aged 15 years and over and resides in Luxembourg. It is otherwise optional. Children under 18 must have someone with parental authority apply for an ID card on their behalf.

The applicant must also apply for a reissue, in their new name, of their passport at the Passport Office.

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

Once the name change application has been granted by the Minister of Justice, the applicant can have a new driving licence issued. The application can be made in person or

by video call to the Guichet.lu reception desk. Every driver of a motor vehicle must hold a valid driving licence.

The Luxembourg Government website does not have a specific procedure to applying for a driving licence after change of name, but the process for applying for a driving licence if it has been lost, stolen, damaged or confiscated abroad should be applicable.

Driving licence - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

Replacing a driving licence that was stolen, lost, damaged or confiscated abroad - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

Requesting a change of surname and/or first name(s) - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

At what age can I change my name by myself?

18 years old.

Requesting a change of surname and/or first name(s) - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

Parents/guardians need to make the application on behalf of the child if the child under 18 wants to change their name. If the child is over 12 years old, the child must separately consent by signing the application form.

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

If a child over 12 years old but under 18 is in dispute with their parents or guardian, and wish to make an application in their own right, the child can apply to the judge ruling on family matters to request the name change.

Requesting a change of surname and/or first name(s) - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

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

The person submitting the application must provide the following ID documents:

- a full copy of the birth certificate (rather than merely an extract) issued within the last 3 months:
- a copy of the valid passport or valid national identity card.

Other evidence supporting the application will also need to be provided.

Applying to change one's gender status and first name(s) in the civil register - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

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

Once the change in gender status application has been granted, a copy of the ministerial decree authorising the gender status change is given to the applicant. The civil register will record the change on the applicant's birth certificate, the ministerial decree or judgment will be referenced in the martin of the birth certificate and an update will be made to the National Registry of Natural Persons.

Applying to change one's gender status and first name(s) in the civil register - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

The option to change one's gender status is open to:

- Luxembourg nationals;
- foreign nationals, who has been lawfully residing in Luxembourg as their usual place of residence:
- persons who have refugee, subsidiary protection or stateless status, who has been lawfully residing in Luxembourg as their usual place of residence for at least 12 consecutive months immediately prior to the application.

The application is free of charge. The fact that the applicant has not undergone medical treatment s not a valid reason for denying the application. Applications can be made in writing or online with supporting documents.

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

Once the change in gender status application has been granted, the applicant must then apply for a reissue of their national ID card. The application can be made in person to the commune of residence or to the Guichet.lu reception desk. The new extract of the birth certificate and the ministerial decree need to be provided as evidence. A fee is payable depending on the age of the applicant.

Application for a Luxembourg identity card - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

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The applicant must also apply for a reissue, in their new name, of their passport at the Passport Office.

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

Once the change in gender status application has been granted, the applicant can have a new driving licence issued. The application can be made in person or by video call to the Guichet.lu reception desk. Every driver of a motor vehicle must hold a valid driving licence.

The new extract of the birth certificate and the ministerial decree need to be provided as evidence.

The Luxembourg Government website does not have a specific procedure to applying for a driving licence after change of gender status, but the process for applying for a driving licence if it has been lost, stolen, damaged or confiscated abroad should be applicable.

Driving licence - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

Replacing a driving licence that was stolen, lost, damaged or confiscated abroad - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

Applying to change one's gender status and first name(s) in the civil register - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

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

18 years old.

Applying to change one's gender status and first name(s) in the civil register - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

The person with parental authority over the minor, or the minor's legal representative, must give consent to the change of gender status in the application.

Applications for minors must be filed with:

- the Ministry of Justice, if the minor is at least 5 years of age;
- the competent district court, if the minor is under the age of 5.

The minor, along with the persons with parental authority over them, or the minor's legal representative, must go in together in person with their national identity card or passport to the follow-up at the Ministry of Justice. If the child is at least 12 years of age, the child must also give their consent to the requested change in gender status at the time of presentation at the Ministry of Justice.

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?

If there is disagreement between the minor and the persons with parental authority over them, or between the minor and their legal representative, an application may be filed with the competent district court, which will rule in the child's best interest.

Applying to change one's gender status and first name(s) in the civil register - Guichet.lu - Luxembourg

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