

04.10 IDENTIFICATION

What identification should I use and where can I use it?

Cougar Card: The University of Houston gives you this card. Go to the Cougar Card Office to get it.

- Use for UH identification purposes.
- Use for paying for various services on campus

Texas ID card: You can get this card from the Department of Public Safety (DPS). DPS advises all students to get this card if you do not have a driver's license. You must prove that you have been a Texas resident for at least 30 days.

- It is not a driver's license, but you can use it to cash checks.
- To get a Texas Identification Card, you must show a valid form of identification.
 - birth certificate
 - driver's license
 - resident alien card
 - passport

Driver's License: You must have this license to drive a car. Get it at the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS). You must prove that you have been a Texas resident for at least 30 days.

- Go to <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/DriverLicense/ApplyforLicense.htm> for more details.
- Anyone 25 and under will have to take a minimum 6 hour driver's education course.
- You must take a written exam.
- You must take a road test. You must provide a car (it can be yours or a friend's) to take the road test. The car must be insured and have an inspection sticker.
- Use it as your primary ID.
- Use it to cash checks.
- Use it to get into clubs and events requiring proof of age.
- You do not have to have a social security card to get a driver's license.

Note: Take your passport, I-20, and electronic copy of I-94 when you go to the DPS office.

Passport: You can use this to cash checks at a bank.

Social Security Card: How to obtain one.

- You can get a social security card only if you have a job on campus.
- You must get a letter from your employer saying you have a job.
- You must get a letter from the LCC showing you are enrolled in school.
- Take both letters to the Social Security office to apply for a Social Security number.
- In addition, you must also take your passport, I-20, and electronic copy of I-94.

Important: A social security card is necessary to work, but is not used as an ID card.