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In this chapter you will find information on driving in the USA. You will also find information on using your Irish driving licence in the USA if you are going on holiday or if you are moving there permanently.

What are the legal requirements regarding driving in the USA?

Regulations about driving licences vary from state to state. Proof of legal immigration status is required in many states in the form of a passport, lawful permanent residence card or employment authorisation in order to get a driver's licence. Many states require a valid social security number.

Can I use my Irish driving licence?

If you are visiting the USA for a short period you may drive if they have a full Irish licence. Federal Law is some states will allow a person to drive for up to one year as long as they are still a visitor.

If you are a lawfully permanent resident and you have a full Irish licence you may be released from doing the practical test but must sit a written test, but again this varies from state to state. In some states it is necessary to sit both the practical and written tests. For more detailed information on the driving requirements for each USA State please refer to the website www.usa.gov/topics/motor_vehicles.shtml