

## APPLYING FOR A DRIVER'S LICENSE

**THIS INFORMATION IS BEING PROVIDED TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS TRYING TO OBTAIN A CALIFORNIA DRIVERS LICENSE, AND DO NOT HAVE A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. SEE EXCEPTION BELOW.**

### INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM CALIFORNIA DMV WEBSITE

[http://www.dmv.ca.gov/dl/dl\\_info.htm](http://www.dmv.ca.gov/dl/dl_info.htm)

#### **Social security number (SSN) requirement**

All applicants must submit to DMV their social security number if they have one.

#### **Exception to the SSN requirement:**

***For F-1 or J-1 students:*** If you are legally present in the U.S., but ineligible for an SSN, you are exempt from SSN requirements. However, you must still provide an acceptable birth date/legal presence document for any DL/ID card application **OR** provide a valid SSN. See below for list of acceptable documents.

Evidence of your social security number is required only on applications for an original commercial driver license and any request to correct a SSN that is already on the driver record data base, regardless of the class. The SSN is considered confidential and will not appear on the photo license or be encoded on the magnetic stripe. Any documents that the department is authorized to release to the public will have the SSN masked. The SSN is electronically verified with Social Security Administration while you are in the DMV office for all DL/ID card transactions, if it has not already been verified.

To apply for a driver's license, you must bring the **original copies** of the following documents:

- Valid passport
- Valid Record of Arrival/Departure (form I-94 – stamped “D/S”)
- I-20 (for F-1 students) or DS-2019 (for J-1 students)

For the address of the nearest DMV in your neighborhood, please refer to the website above. For directions to the Fullerton branch of DMV, please see reverse side of this handout.