

CHAPTER 6 | TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES

“Good fortune is what happens when opportunity meets with planning.”
~ Thomas Edison

Reliable transportation is vital to any successful reintegration plan. Whether it’s a personal vehicle that you own, public transportation, or carpooling with friends and colleagues, transportation plays an integral role in everyone’s life. The resources within this section can assist with identifying and overcoming potential issues associated with obtaining a valid drivers license and provide extensive insight into what forms of public transportation may be available in a specific geographic area.

NATIONAL PROBLEM DRIVER STATUS CHECK

NATIONAL DRIVER REGISTER

<http://www.nhtsa.gov>

The National Driver Register was created to improve traffic and transportation safety by providing a nationwide database of problem drivers that assists state driver licensing agencies in identifying these individuals and assists employers in making hiring and certification decisions.

The National Driver Register is a computerized database of information about drivers who have had their licenses revoked or suspended, or who have been convicted of serious traffic violations such as driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs. State motor vehicle agencies provide the National Driver Register with the names of individuals who have lost their privilege to drive or who have been convicted of a serious traffic violation.

When an individual applies for a driver’s license, the state motor vehicle agency is obligated by law to check to see if the name is listed within the National Driver Register database. If an individual has been reported to the National Driver Register as a problem driver, their ability to obtain a driver’s license may be denied.

What kind of information does the National Driver Register contain?

The National Driver Register is populated with the following “pointer” information:

- First, last and middle name, alias names;
- Date of birth, license number, and social security number;
- Sex, height, eye color;
- The agency that added the pointer, also referred to as the state-of-record.

This information is supplied and maintained by individual states as a result of convictions and license withdrawals pertaining to highway safety violations. No driver history information is maintained within the National Driver Register. The Problem Driver Pointer System “points” a state-of-inquiry to the state-of-record when probable identification is made through the National Driver Register.

How do I find out if I am listed in the National Driver Register?

Individuals are entitled, under provisions of the Privacy Act, to request a file search to see if they have a record on the National Driver Register. As a private citizen, you must send a notarized letter or “privacy act request” to the National Driver Register indicating that you would like a file check. Requests should be sent to the address below and include the individuals full legal name, date of birth, state and driver license number (if known), sex, height, weight, and eye color. In addition, a social security number is preferred but disclosure is optional. There is currently no fee for this service.

National Contact:

National Driver Register
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Suite W55-123
Washington, DC 20590
P: 888.327.4236

Additional Resources:

National Driver Register, *Record Request Form*

<http://jetcareers.com/forms/NDR.pdf>

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS**AMERICAN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION**

<http://www.apta.com>

The American Public Transportation Association is a membership organization, representing rapid rail and motor bus systems and manufacturers, suppliers, consulting firms and citizens. Through their extensive website, individuals can access detailed information regarding available public transportation systems and options within a particular service area. Additional information about public transportation options within a specific area can be found by visiting the “United States Local and State Transit Links” section of their website at <http://www.apta.com/resources/links/Pages/default.aspx> or see [Appendix 6-A: State Public Transportation Websites](#).

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