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Subject: Driver's License for International Students

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	X	**New**		**Modification**		**Cancellation**

Summary:
International Military Students (IMS) on "A", "G", or NATO visas are no longer eligible to receive a U.S. state driver's license because they may be eligible for diplomatic privileges and immunities. In order for an IMS to apply for a U.S. state driver's license, the IMS must have a "Non-Eligibility Letter" issued by the U.S. Department of State, Office of Foreign Mission stating that the individual is not entitled to diplomatic privileges and immunities.

Some states (Florida included) will permit an IMS possessing a valid foreign driver license to operate a motor vehicle as long as the foreign license is written in English and can be recognized by law enforcement.

Action:

If an IMS is authorized POV on his ITO and requires a U.S. driver license; IMSOs are requested to send a memo (by fax) to their regional Office of Foreign Mission requesting a "Non-Eligibility Letter". Sample memo:

Subj: Request a Non-Eligibility Letter

1. Request a Non-Eligibility Letter be issued to Department of Motor Vehicle Administration

for *IMS Name as it appears on the visa*, Date of Birth *DOB as it appears on the visa*,

address: *IMS Current home address in the U.S.*, Country of Origin:_____,

Anticipated length of stay in the U.S.:_____, Sponsor: *Your command name & address*,

IMSO name & Contact info, to apply for a Class E Driver License in the state of _____.

IMSO Signature

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