



Taxis, Access & Mobility Services Division

New Taxi Driver Application Process

It's easy to become a new taxi driver and the SFMTA does not charge a fee.

To be eligible, you must:

- Have a valid California driver's license
- Have held a valid driver's license in the United States for one year before you apply
- Have attained the age of 21
- Submit a drug test and receive negative results
- Submit Live Scan fingerprint background check*
- Pass a written test

What you need to do:

1. Complete the Becoming a Taxi Driver [online training](#)
2. Print and complete the Public Passenger Vehicle Driver Permit [Application](#)
3. Print the Live Scan Form [here](#) and go to one of the listed authorized facilities to complete
4. Print the Drug Test Form [here](#) and go do the drug test at one of the listed authorized facilities

Following your submission of the Drug Test and Live Scan:

5. Once SFMTA receives notification of results, Taxi Services will contact you to make an appointment for your written test.
6. Your appointment will be held at the Taxi Window at 1 South Van Ness, 7th Floor and, you will need to come to SFMTA to complete your written test and receive your Taxi Driver Permit (A-Card).
 - The Taxi Driver Permit is **free**.
 - Be sure to bring in your completed **Public Passenger Vehicle Driver Permit Application** [here](#).
 - Be sure to bring in your **valid California Driver's License** (CDL).
 - Taxi Services will need to verify that you have held a United States Driver's License for at least one year.
 - You need to pass a **short written exam** to test your knowledge of the [New Taxi Driver Online Training class](#).
 - **Your picture will be taken** for your Taxi Driver Permit.
7. Once you receive your Taxi Driver Permit, you will need to contact a [Color Scheme](#) (Taxi Company) to begin driving a San Francisco Taxi!

*To be a qualified driver, you must have no prior convictions of a crime that would, in the judgment of the SFMTA, present a risk to public safety if the permit is granted, including but not limited to convictions involving sexual assault, the use of a vehicle in the commission of a felony, fraud, violence against a person, reckless disregard for public safety, two or more recent convictions of drug-related offenses, or two or more recent convictions of driving under the influence, whether or not such convictions occurred while driving a Motor Vehicle for Hire. The SFMTA may, in its discretion, issue a permit notwithstanding prior convictions if, following review of an individual case, it determines that the applicant or Permit Holder does not pose a current risk to public safety

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