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### **Rhode Island to issue driver privilege cards** *Personal Income Tax filing a requirement to qualify*

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – The passage of [P.L. 2022, ch. 241](#) and [P.L. 2022, ch. 242](#), signed into law by Governor Daniel J. McKee on June 28, 2022, provides for the issuance of driver privilege cards and driver privilege permits to applicants who are unable to establish legal presence in the United States. The new laws are effective on July 1, 2023, which means applicants can only apply on or after that date.

The Division of Taxation will assist in the process by verifying that applicants meet the qualification requirements for driver privilege cards and permits. One such qualification is that applicants must have either filed a Rhode Island resident personal income tax return in the prior tax year or been claimed as a dependent on one.

This means that for applicants applying for driver privilege cards and/or permits between July 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023, the applicant must either file, or be claimed as a dependent on, a Rhode Island resident personal income tax return for Tax Year 2022.

Other qualification requirements that applicants must meet include proof of identity documents, proof of residency documents, and proof of compliance with insurance requirements. More detailed information on requirements is available in public law: [P.L. 2022, ch. 241](#) and [P.L. 2022, ch. 242](#).

The Division of Taxation has created a webpage specifically for information regarding the tax component of the qualification requirement. Please visit it here: <https://tax.ri.gov/guidance/special-programs/driver-privilege-cards>.

If you have any questions about your Rhode Island Personal Income Tax return, please contact the Division's Personal Income Tax Section by email at [Tax.Assist@tax.ri.gov](mailto:Tax.Assist@tax.ri.gov), or by phone at [401.574.8829, option #3](tel:401.574.8829), between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on business days.

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