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DRIVING IN THE UNITED STATES

Massachusetts (MA) state law requires all residents to obtain a MA driver's license within 30 days of their arrival if they plan to live in MA for one year or more. Citizens of certain countries may also utilize their home country's driver's license along with an International Driving Permit. For further details contact the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) or visit their website:

The closest full-service RMV to Babson: Framingham Registry of Motor Vehicles
10 Pearl Street
Framingham, MA
617-351-4500
Monday-Friday: 8:30 am-5 pm (Thurs. until 7pm)

Registry of Motor Vehicle Web Site: <http://www.mass.gov/rmv/index.htm>

Selected Registry locations: <http://www.mass.gov/rmv/branches>

CAR RENTALS

Rental rates vary depending on the car size and length of time of the rental. Budget, Hertz, Enterprise, Dollar and Avis have online reservation systems with locations at Logan Airport and many offices around Boston.

Hertz	www.hertz.com	(800) 654-3131
Budget	www.budget.com	(800) 527-0700
Enterprise	www.enterprise.com	(800) 736-8222
Dollar	www.dollar.com	(800) 800-4000
Avis	www.avis.com	(800) 831-2847

OBTAINING A MASSACHUSETTS DRIVER'S LICENSE

- **Provide necessary proof of identification:**
 - International Driver's License (if applicable)
 - Passport
 - Form I-20
 - Document proving your Date of Birth
 - Document proving MA residency
 - Document proving signature
 - Social Security Number (SSN) or an official 'Denial Letter' from the Social Security Office (see our handout on "Obtaining a Social Security Number"). A Denial Letter will be issued on the spot at the Social Security Office; a Social Security number is usually issued in approximately two weeks.

A passport provides photo ID, your signature and proof of age. A Form I-20 provides proof of signature and proof of age. Proof of MA residency could be a utility bill showing your name and current address. If you live on campus, ask the International Student Advisor for a letter which states that you live on campus. This letter can be prepared for you in two business days. Please complete a "Letter of Eligibility Request" form and make sure that you have updated your address via Blink (for students), under the Immigration Information form at: <http://blink.babson.edu>

- **Pass a written exam and eye test**

The written exam and eye test may be taken on a walk-in basis at any RMV between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm. If you pass, you will get a learner's permit. Driver's license manuals are available at the RMV to help you prepare for the written and road tests

- **Pass a road test**

Road tests are by appointment only and must be scheduled at least three weeks in advance after you have earned your learner's permit. At the time of the road test, you need to bring your completed application (obtained from the RMV), your learner's permit, payment for each scheduled road test, a registered, insured and inspected vehicle, and a sponsor. The sponsor must be at least 18 years of age, have at least one year of driving experience and possess a valid license issued by his/her home state. *Foreign driver's license holders are NOT eligible to be sponsors. The only exception to this rule is in the case of a foreign license holder. If you have a valid out-of-country license from certain countries and a MA learner's permit, you may take the road test without a sponsor (Please see RMV website). Many driving schools in Massachusetts offer private lessons and will even sponsor a student for a driving test. The closest school to Babson is the Wellesley Driving School at 159 Linden Street, Wellesley, MA. Please contact them directly at (781) 237-5010 for more information.*

- **Method of Payment (cash, check, Visa or MasterCard)**

- Learner's Permit (written/eye screening test): \$30
- Road Driving Test: \$20
- Driver's License: \$40

Please note that if you move after you obtain a MA license, you must inform the Registry of Motor Vehicles within 30 days of your move.

OWNING A CAR IN MASSACHUSETTS

If you own or lease a motor vehicle in Massachusetts, you must meet certain obligations to keep your vehicle legally registered and safe for the road:

- Any vehicle to be driven on public roadways in MA must be **insured**.
- Your car must be **registered** by the end of the month in which you purchase it
- The car must also be **inspected** within 7 days of its purchase.
- All vehicles must have a **Certificate of Title**. If you are buying a used car, to legally transfer its ownership to you, the previous owner must sign the title and give it to you. Before buying a used car, be sure to have a mechanic examine it.
- You must pay **5% sales tax** on any vehicle purchased.

Insurance

• Most insurance companies will require you to have a MA driver's license in order to insure a car. Below, find two insurance companies close to Babson:

All State Insurance Companies
4 Batterymarch Park
Quincy, MA 02169
(617) 328-3905

Amica Insurance
43 William St., Suite 200
Wellesley, MA 02481
(800) 24-AMICA

Registration

- For a small additional fee, an insurance agent may register your car and get the license plate for you at the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV). When registering your car at the RMV, you must have your driver's license and title (or proof of application of title.) You will receive the registration and your license plates. Please keep in mind that these services require a fee. Automobile tax must also be paid on the vehicle.

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PURCHASING A CAR

Purchasing a car can be done either privately or through a dealership. Dealerships can be looked up online or in the yellow pages and often sell both new and used cars. Cars being sold privately can be found in many ways. Some websites worth visiting are:

www.boston.com - In addition to listing cars for sale, boston.com also has a section called Buying Tools and Tips with information on purchasing a car.

www.craigslist.com

www.autotrader.com

www.carfax.com – Provides vehicle history reports for used cars.

When buying a USED CAR, there are three items that the seller must provide the buyer at the time of the sale:

- 1.) The car title (this will be transferred to your name after the sale)
- 2.) Acknowledgement of buying and selling letter (statement of ownership of the vehicle)
- 3.) Emission Inspection Report

When buying a NEW car, the buyer must apply for the car title as soon as possible after the purchase of the vehicle. You cannot register your car and obtain license plates without a title. If you do not apply within 90 days of purchase or acquisition you may be charged a fee.

ADVISE: Consider bringing a prospective used car to a good mechanic BEFORE you buy it to have the car checked. This service may cost \$50- \$100, but it is well worth the expense.

Below are some automobile dealers close to the Babson Campus:

KO Dodge

(781) 235-6666

234 Worcester St.
Wellesley, MA

Honda Village Inc. (888) 511-0899
371 Washington St.
Newton, MA

Wellesley Mazda and Volkswagen (800) 910-6413
231 Linden St.
Wellesley, MA

Toyota of Wellesley (781) 237-2970
216 Worcester Road
Wellesley, MA

Lee Volvo (781) 235-8841
962 Worcester Road
Wellesley, MA

Foreign Motors West (508) 655-5350
253 North Main Street
Natick, MA

Clay Chevrolet Hyundai (617) 964-3000
431 Washington Street
Newton, MA

Muzi Motors Inc. (Ford, Chevy) (888) 944-1801
557 Highland Avenue
Needham, MA

AUTOMOBILE MAINTAINENCE

GM Goodwrench Service

Haskins Oldsmobile
467 Washington St.
Wellesley, MA
(781) 235-4850

West Side Mobile

870 Worcester Street
Wellesley, MA
(781) 237-7080

ACDelco- Independent Service Stations

444 Hillside Avenue
Needham, MA
(781) 444-2522

Diamond Auto

614 Moody Street
Waltham MA,
(781) 893-8300

Meineke Car Care Center

119 River Street
Waltham, MA
(781) 891-0780

Meineke Car Care Center

37 Waverly Street
Framingham, MA
(508) 626 3655

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