Identification and Documentation

Goal:
This lesson explains the identification and documentation needed at the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The rules are complicated and can be intimidating, so this will include understanding the **purpose** of these documents as well as what **forms** of identification are accepted at the RMV.

Identification and Documentation Lesson A

Eliciting Prior Knowledge

Describe a time when you visited an RMV*. What papers did you need to bring? Can you create a list of the documents you will need? If you haven’t been to one, what information do you think will need to bring? Have a frank discussion about ID requirements and how immigrants must contend with having papers, whether they are officially documented or not.

*if students have not been to an RMV, substitute another form of bureaucracy - visa offices, immigration support law offices, voter registration, doctors’ offices, registering children for school, etc.

Mae’s Documents

Mae wants to get her license so she begins her application **online**. She fills the **Driver’s License, Learner’s Permit or ID Card Application**, but knows there are printed copies available at the RMV if she doesn’t have access to a computer. First Mae checks off the box indicating she is applying for a **Class D license/permit**, which will allow her to legally operate a passenger vehicle, van, or small truck. Next on the application, she decides if she wants a **Standard driver’s license** or a **REAL ID driver’s license**. The REAL ID is a federal ID that Mae can use, beginning October 2021, to fly within the United States or enter federal buildings. To get one, she knows she will need to provide additional documentation and come into an **RMV service center**. Since

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Mae wants the REAL ID, she visits the RMV service center in Easthampton and brings her documentation. She has one document showing **U.S. citizenship or lawful presence/ date of birth**. For this requirement, she brings her certificate of citizenship. Next, she hands the employee two documents (She needs two for the REAL ID) proving her **MA residency**. She brings her utility bill from the last sixty days and her mortgage bill, which show her Massachusetts address. Her last document proves her **Social Security number**. She brings her Social Security card showing all nine digits. Finally, Mae needs $30.00 to pay her **permit test fee**.

**Vocabulary:**

**Driver’s License, Learner’s Permit or ID Card Application:**

[Image of Driver’s License, Learner’s Permit or ID Card Application form]

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Class D License/ Permit:

Standard Driver’s License:
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U.S. Citizenship or Lawful Presence/ Date of Birth:

MA Residency:

Social Security Number:

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Identification and Documentation Lesson B

Role-Playing Activity
Imagine you and a partner are working at the customer service desk when Mae brings her documentation.

Run through these scenarios. Tell Mae if you can accept these documents, or if she needs different documents. If you can’t accept any of them, why not? Are there other documents she can bring instead?

Scenario 1
Mae hands you her:
- Certificate of citizenship
- Electricity bill dated four months ago from today,
- Rent bill with a different address from the electricity bill,
- Social security number.

Scenario 2
Mae hands you her:
- Certificate of citizenship

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- Electricity bill dated one month ago from today,
- Rent bill and an electricity bill with the same address,
- Social security card.

Reflection
Describe how it felt to judge the paperwork. Was it hard to explain if the document met the requirements? Do you think an RMV employee would help Mae as you and your partner did?

For Independent Studying (Optional)
If you have time, consider filling out the paperwork that the student will need or making a list of the paperwork you will need to collect. You can review that information on page 9 of the RMV Driver’s Manual: https://www.mass.gov/doc/drivers-manual/download

This lesson addresses Chapter 1 of the Driver’s Manual; students should pay attention to pages 10-18, specifically.

Questions
Do you have any final questions? Remember you can use this guide as a checklist. Did you bring all of the documentation for your permit / license?
- citizenship certificate
- lease
- utility bill
- social security card

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