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The Secretary of State presents his compliments to Their Excellencies and Messieurs and Mesdames the Chiefs of Mission and has the honor to clarify its policy with regard to the requirements for obtaining a Department-issued driver's license.

The Department wishes to underscore that the requirements for obtaining a Department of State-issued driver's license are not based on reciprocity for any country, but rather on the Department's determination of the standards under which the applicant obtained the valid foreign driver's license he/she presents to OFM. Specifically, the requirement for written knowledge exam is based on public safety considerations through a determination of how closely the level of motor vehicle and roadway safety practices in the sending country compares with those in the United States.

Questions may be referred to [OFM-Policy@state.gov](mailto:OFM-Policy@state.gov).

Department of State,

Washington, December 12, 2022.

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