

## DRIVER'S LICENSE AND CAR REGISTRATION

Out of state students attending school in New Hampshire do not, as a consequence of choosing to vote in New Hampshire, have to obtain a New Hampshire driver's license or register their car in New Hampshire.

The issue of whether a student must obtain a New Hampshire license and registration depends on whether the student becomes a resident of New Hampshire as defined by our laws.

New Hampshire law defines "resident" in the following way:

A resident or inhabitant or both of this state and of any city, town or other political subdivision of this state shall be a person who is domiciled or has a place of abode or both in this state and in any city, town or other political subdivision of this state, and who has, through all of his actions, demonstrated a current intent to designate that place of abode as his principal place of physical presence for the indefinite future to the exclusion of all others.

As a result, if an out of state student has the intention to leave New Hampshire at the end of a school year or upon graduation from school, that student does not have an intent to stay in New Hampshire for the indefinite future and there is no requirement to obtain a New Hampshire license or register a car in New Hampshire. If, on the other hand, a student has a definite plan to stay in New Hampshire upon completing their academic program, then the student has become a resident of New Hampshire under our laws and must obtain a New Hampshire license and register their car in New Hampshire.