

American University Driver Acceptability Guidelines

Major Violations

Accident (at fault or charged)
*Driving while intoxicated or under the influence of drugs
Driving while license is under suspension
Hit and Run
*Murder or assault with motor vehicle
*Negligent homicide
Reckless driving/Speeding in excess of 25 mph over the posted limit
Theft of a motor vehicle and related offenses
(* see Non-Approved Status)

Minor Violations

Not obeying a traffic sign or light
Seat belt violation
Cell phone violation
HOV violation

Approved Status

Driving privileges for a driver who is granted approved status are valid for a period of three years for faculty and staff, and one year for students.

- Driver must have a valid driver's license issued by a US state, territory, or the District of Columbia.
- Driver must have two (2) years of driving history in the United States.
- Less than six (6) points (DC point system or equivalent) on record.
- No more than one (1) accident or other major moving or minor violation (traffic signal, seat belt offense) charged against the licensee within the last three (3) years. This excludes the *non-approved status violations.

Approved on Probation Status

Driving privileges for a driver who is granted approved on probation status are valid for a period of six months.

- Two (2) violations charged against the licensee within the previous three (3) years. This excludes the * non-approved status violations.

Non-Approved Status

A driver who is granted non-approved status is eligible to reapply for driving privileges one year from the date of determination.

- Reinstated license in effect less than one year after suspension.
- Any one (1) of the following violations within the last three (3) years:
 - Driving while intoxicated or under the influence of drugs
 - Murder or assault with motor vehicle
 - Negligent homicide
- Conviction of three (3) or more major or minor violations in the last three years.

Offenses Leading to an Approved on Probation or Non-Approved Status

- A previously approved driver who receives one (1) violation will be placed on a six-month probation period. This excludes the *non-approved violations, which will lead to suspension of driving privileges.
- A driver approved on probation cannot receive any violations or their driving privileges will be suspended for six months.
- If a driver receives one (1) negative report on the How's My Driving? Line the driver will be placed on six-month probation period.
- If a driver receives two (2) negative reports on the How's My Driving? Line the driver's privileges will be suspended for six (6) months.

*At the end of the probation or suspension period, the driver will have to reapply for driving privileges.