



Proof Of Residency for Hunting and Fishing Licenses

Residency

F.S. 372.001(1) defines "RESIDENT" as:

- Any person who has continually resided in this state for **six months** prior to applying for a license and who has an intent to continue to reside in Florida, and to claim Florida as their primary residence.
- Any member of the United States Armed Forces who is stationed in Florida (includes spouse and dependent children residing in household).

Acceptable Proof of Residency

Any **ONE** of the following:

- Florida driver license, "Florida Only" and "Florida Identification Card" are **NOT** acceptable proof
- Military orders
- Current Florida Homestead Exemption Card
- Florida Voter's Registration Card
- Landlord Affidavit for residency (for renters who do not drive, and do not possess any of the required proofs listed)

If questioned by law enforcement, it is up to the customer to prove Florida residency

Note: You **cannot** possess an out of state driver license and still claim to be a Florida resident.

NOTE: Determining residency does **not** involve the following issues:

- 1) *Payment of taxes* - many people pay taxes in more than one state, but the person is still only a resident of only one state.
- 2) *If you were born in Florida* - Is not considered an issue in determining residency.
- 3) *If you own a home or land in Florida* - Many people own land/homes in more than one state, but the person is still only a resident of only one state.

To curtail non-residents from obtaining residency privileges, please be aware that page 6 of the Florida Driver's Handbook states:

1. If you live in Florida and want to drive a motor vehicle on public streets and highways, you need a Florida driver license.
2. If you move to Florida and have a valid license from another state, you must get a Florida license within 30 days of becoming a resident. You are required to obtain a Florida driver license if you: enroll your children in public school; register to vote; file for homestead exemption; accept employment; or reside in Florida for more than six consecutive months.

If you have any question as to the residency status of the customer, please refer them to any branch of the Manatee County Tax Collector's Office.