The Minnesota law allows a nonresident, with a valid home country driver's license in immediate possession, to drive in Minnesota. There is no time period specified in the law. An International Driving Permit (IDP) serves as a translation of the home country driver’s license and must be accompanied by the license. An IDP may be helpful, but it is not required.

A nonresident with a license from another country can get a Minnesota license by presenting proper identification and passing a written and driving test. The license will be valid until the person's authorization to remain in the U.S. ends. If their stay is extended, the license can also be extended.

For more information, including a list of identification document requirements and the Minnesota Driver's Manual, please visit our Web site at www.mndriveinfo.org, then click on the "driver services".

Also, see Minnesota Statute 171.03 for further information.

If the individual moves to Minnesota and considers themselves a resident, then they should apply for a Minnesota license within 60 days of moving here (or 30 days if they hold a commercial driver's license).