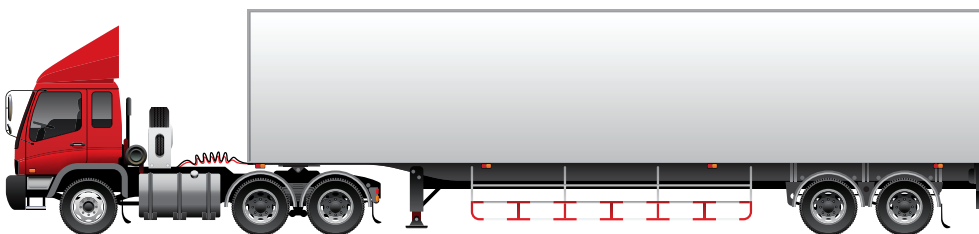
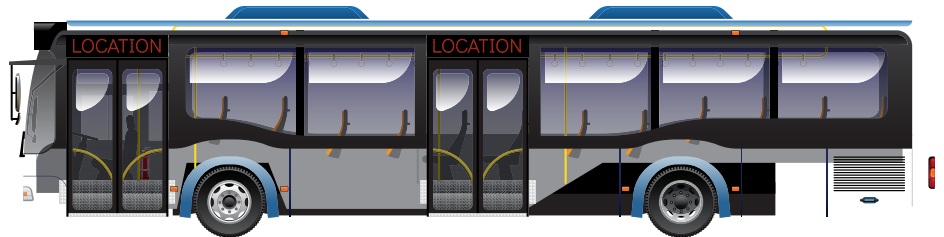
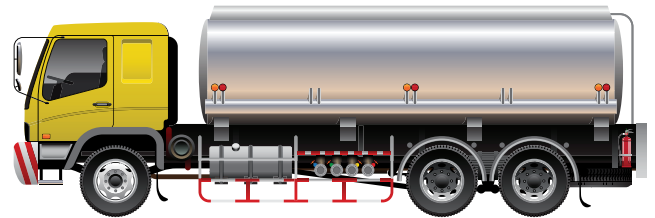
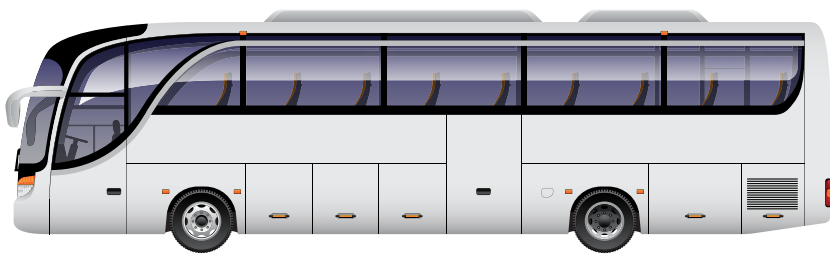


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Specific Commercial Driver's License Applicant Information



Most operators of Commercial Motor Vehicles (CMV) must have a Commercial Driver’s License (CDL). Some individuals are not required to hold a CDL to operate a CMV. This exception applies to certain military personnel, farmers, firefighters, emergency response vehicle operators and individuals removing snow and ice. For exception details and requirements review 49 CFR 383.3.

If you perform trade, traffic, or transport exclusively within your business’ home state, this is considered intrastate commerce. If your trade, traffic, or transport is between a place in a state and a place outside of such state (including a place outside of the United States); between two places in a state through another state or a place outside of the United States; or between two places in a state as part of trade, traffic or transportation originating or terminating outside the state or the United States, this is considered interstate commerce.

To obtain a CLP (Commercial Learner’s Permit) or CDL, the applicant must:

- Provide a valid Medical Examination Report for Commercial Driver Fitness Determination and Medical Examiner’s Certificate (“Medical Report” and “Medical Examiner’s Certificate”)
- Pass applicable vision and knowledge test(s)
- Obtain a commercial driver’s license learner’s permit (CLP)
- Complete Entry-Level Driver Training with a Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s Training Provider
- Watch an instructional video on how to recognize, prevent, and report human trafficking, and pass a CDL skills test at a BMV-approved CDL Skills Test Site.

This manual is a study guide for applicant requirements, passing knowledge tests and the CDL skills test.

The Commercial Driver License manual may be obtained online at IN.gov/BMV or at any Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) license branch.

Classes of Commercial Motor Vehicles

Applicants must determine which CDL class for which they are making application. For information on classes of commercial motor vehicles, review the following: *Section 1 Introduction*.

CDL Endorsements

CDL endorsement codes and descriptions are listed below:

Endorsement Code	Description
T	Double/Triple Trailers
P	Passenger Transport
N	Tank Vehicle
H	Hazardous Material
X	Combination of tank vehicle and hazardous materials endorsement
S	School Bus

To obtain the hazardous materials endorsement for a CDL, you must have Transportation Security Administration (TSA) security threat assessment approval for the term of the CDL. A hazardous materials endorsement will not be added to a CLP.

For additional information and testing requirements for CDL endorsements please review the following:

- 1.1.1 – Knowledge Tests
- 1.1.2 – Skills Test

CDL Restrictions

CDL restriction codes and the descriptions are listed below:

Commercial Learner’s Permit (CLP)

Below are the requirements for an applicant to obtain a CLP:

Restriction Code	Description	Reason
E	No Manual Transmission Equipped CMV (Printed description on credential “Auto Transmission CMV”)	Applicant takes the CDL skills test in a vehicle that has an automatic transmission. (To remove this restriction applicant must pass a skills test in a CMV with manual transmission of the same class of vehicle or higher.)
K	CDL Intrastate Only	Applicant is restricted to operating in Intrastate Commerce.
L	No Air Brake Equipped CMV	Applicant does not pass the Air Brakes knowledge test or the CDL skills test in a vehicle with a full air brake system.
M	No Class A Passenger Vehicle	Applicant takes a CDL skills test in a Class B passenger vehicle and holds a Class A CDL
N	No Class A or B Passenger Vehicle	Applicant takes a CDL skills test in a Class C passenger vehicle and holds a Class A CDL
O	No Tractor-trailer CMV	Applicant takes the CDL skills test in a Class A vehicle that is not a tractor-trailer CMV.
P	No Passengers in CMV Vehicle	Applicants cannot transport passengers in a CMV bus while holding a CLP with a passenger or school bus endorsement.
Q	Bus Only	Applicant received the CDL with passenger endorsement without completing the General Knowledge test. (This restriction is no longer available. To remove the restriction the applicant must pass the General Knowledge test.)
R	Valid for Restricted Agricultural CDL Privileges Only when presented with Seasonal Validation Document	Applicant has a Restricted CDL B for Agricultural Purposes
V	Medical Variance	Applicant has an FMCSA approved Medical Exemption.
X	No Cargo in CMV Tank Vehicle	Applicant cannot transport cargo in a tank vehicle while holding a CLP with a tank endorsement.
Z	No Full Air Brake Equipped CMV	Applicant takes the test in a vehicle with an air over hydraulic brake system.

1. Pay all required fees.
2. Must be at least 18 years of age. (To operate in interstate commerce and/or apply for a passenger, school bus, applicant must be at least 21 years of age.)
3. Must have an unexpired Indiana license and valid driving privileges, and must not be subject to any disqualification under 49 CFR § 383.51. Provide a valid Medical Report and Medical Examiner's Certificate.
4. Be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident. Lawful permanent residents must provide a valid I-551. (See Non-Domiciled CLP/CDL information if you are not a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident.)
5. Must provide proof the applicant is domiciled in Indiana, as defined in 49 CFR § 383.5.
6. Provide the names of all states where previously licensed to operate any type of motor vehicle during the previous 10 years.
7. Have at least one year of driving experience.
8. Pass one or more of the following knowledge test(s):
 - a. General knowledge test for all applicants.
 - b. Passenger transport knowledge test by all bus operators.
 - c. Air brakes knowledge test for operation of a CMV with air brakes.
 - d. Combination vehicle knowledge test for combination vehicles.
 - e. The tanker knowledge test for applicants required to haul liquids in bulk.
 - f. The doubles/triples knowledge test to pull double or triple trailers.
 - g. The school bus knowledge test by all school bus operators. (The passenger endorsement is also required for the school bus endorsement.) Only the passenger endorsement is required for drivers delivering school buses not transporting pre-primary, primary or secondary school students from home to school, from school to home, or to and from school-sponsored events.

For issuance of a Class C CDL, the applicant must complete the testing requirements for the endorsement(s) passenger or school bus. Applicants wishing to obtain the Class C CDL with the hazardous materials endorsement will be required to apply for the Class B CLP to complete the CDL Skills Test in the Class C CMV.

After an applicant has acquired the CLP, the applicant must pass a CDL skills test in a vehicle representative of the class of CDL for which the applicant is applying. The CDL skills test must be taken at a BMV-approved CDL skills test site. A list of BMV-approved CDL skills test sites may be obtained by visiting www.myBMV.com or a BMV branch. Prior to obtaining the CDL, the applicant must complete Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) and watch an instructional video on how to recognize, prevent and report human trafficking.

Applicants are only allowed to be issued a CLP for a total of 18 months in any 24 month period. A CLP is valid for 180 days.

Non-Domiciled CLP/CDL

Non-Domiciled Commercial Driver's License (CDL) or Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) holders are subject to the same testing and operational requirements as a standard CDL, but non-domiciled CLPs/CDLs are only available to individuals who can meet the following requirements:

- Are in the country legally with work authorization
- Are not U.S. citizens
- Are not legal permanent residents
- Are 18 years of age or older

- Hold a valid (not expired, suspended, or revoked) Indiana driver’s license
- Have at least one year of driving experience
- Present either:
 1. an unexpired employment authorization document (EAD) issued by USCIS; or
 2. an unexpired foreign passport accompanied by an approved I–94 form documenting the applicant’s most recent admittance into the United States
- Present documents meeting Real-ID application requirements:
 1. one proof of identity
 2. one proof of lawful status
 3. one proof of Social Security number, and
 4. two proofs of Indiana residency
- Pass knowledge exam(s) representative of the type of CLP/CDL endorsement(s) being sought
- Pass a driving skills exam in a vehicle representative of the class of CDL that will be received
- Have on file with the BMV a valid Medical Examination Report for Commercial Driver Fitness Determination form and Medical Examiner’s Certificate completed by a medical examiner listed on the FMCSA National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners

Mexican and Canadian Nationals living within the United States and authorized to work here are not eligible for the Non-Domiciled CLPs or CDLs. Under Federal Regulations, Mexican and Canadian CDLs are deemed equivalent to U.S. commercial driver’s licenses. A Mexican or Canadian national, therefore, may drive a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) with his or her home country CDL. Because these CDLs are equivalent (U.S. and Canada and Mexico), to issue a U.S. document would put the driver in violation of the “one driver/one record” policy promoted by Federal law and regulation. This also means that if a Mexican or Canadian national wishes to apply for an initial CLP or CDL, they must return to their home country and make application there.

Individuals granted asylee/refugee status may apply for a Non-Domiciled Commercial Learner’s Permit or Non-Domiciled Commercial Driver’s License but must present an unexpired EAD issued by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). If an asylee/refugee presents an unexpired foreign passport, accompanied by an approved I-94 form documenting the applicant’s most recent admittance into the United States, he or she must still present an unexpired EAD issued by USCIS. These individuals should be able to obtain an EAD upon request as a convenience.

CDL Knowledge Tests

If an applicant fails a CDL knowledge test, the applicant may take the test again the next business day. An applicant can only attempt a CDL knowledge test once a day. Once the CDL knowledge test has been passed the CDL test results are valid for 180 days.

How to Transfer an Out-of-Country or Out-of-State CDL

To transfer an out-of-state CDL to an Indiana CDL the applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Pay all required fees.
2. Be at least 18 years of age. (To operate interstate commerce and/or apply for a passenger or school bus, applicant must be at least 21 years of age.)
3. Present documents of identification proving the applicant’s identity, Social Security number, lawful status, and Indiana residency. A list of acceptable documents may be obtained on IN.gov/BMV or at any

BMV license branch.

4. Be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident. Lawful permanent residents must provide a valid I-551. (See Non-Domiciled CLP/CDL information if you are not a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident.)
5. Have proof of an unexpired CDL and valid driving privileges.
6. Pass the general knowledge test.
7. Pass the hazardous materials knowledge test, if applicable.
8. Have at least one year of driving experience.
9. Provide a valid Medical Report and Medical Examiner's Certificate.
10. Provide the names of all states where previously licensed to operate any type of motor vehicle during the previous ten years.
11. Surrender the CDL from the previous state of residency to the BMV.

Out-of-state CDL refers to a CDL from any of the 50 United States including the District of Columbia, Canada and Mexico, but NOT United States territories Guam, Puerto Rico, American Samoa and the Virgin Islands. Any CDL that is not considered Out-of-State must retest for the CDL and apply for issuance of a CLP.

The CDL is an endorsement to an individual's driver's license. An applicant may be required to meet additional requirements for their license type.

Individuals have 30 days to transfer an out-of-state CDL.

The driver's license knowledge exam is only required if the out-of-state CDL is expired.

Medical Report and Medical Examiner's Certification

CLP/CDL applicant and holders are required to:

1. Provide a current, completed copy of the Medical Report and Medical Examiner's Certificate for initial issuance.
2. Maintain a current, completed Medical Report and Medical Examiner's Certificate on file with the BMV to retain commercial driving privileges.
3. Individuals that hold an Intrastate Only restricted CDL must provide and maintain on file with the BMV a current, completed copy of the Medical Report and Medical Examiner's Certificate.

Medical Examiner Requirements

All medical examinations must be completed by a medical examiner certified by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). You may locate a certified medical examiner by viewing the FMCSA National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners at <https://nationalregistry.fmcsa.dot.gov>.

Submitting the Medical Report and Medical Examiner's Certificate

The Medical Report and Medical Examiner's Certificate may be submitted:

1. By mail:
Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles
100 N Senate Ave, N481
Indianapolis, IN 46204
2. By fax: 317-974-1613
3. In person at any BMV license branch

If you have questions regarding your medical certification or want to know the status of your medical certification,

use your myBMV account to view your driver record. Individuals and companies may check this status by calling the Indiana BMV at 888-692-6841. These services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Exemption of Certain Medical Conditions

A person who is not physically qualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle under FMCSR 391.41 (b)(1) or (2) **and** who is otherwise qualified to drive a commercial motor vehicle, may operate a commercial motor vehicle if FMCSA has granted a medical exemption to that person.

For further information related to medical and health-related questions you may contact FMCSA at 800-832-5660.

For additional information on medical exemptions please review: *1.2 Medical Documentation Requirements*

Retesting Requirement

Any applicant with a CDL that has been expired, surrendered, disqualified, canceled, revoked, suspended or invalidated more than three years must pass all applicable knowledge and CDL skills test(s) as a first-time applicant.

CDL Skills Testing

An applicant must hold the CLP 14 days prior to attempting to CDL skills test and appointments must be scheduled at least two days in advance. The CDL skills test may only be taken once a business day. An applicant will be responsible for all costs each time that applicant has to take the CDL skills test. Once the CDL skills test has been passed, the applicant must visit any BMV license branch for issuance of the appropriate CDL.

The CDL skills test results are valid for 180 days.

If applicant fails any part of the skills test, to follow instructions or performs an unsafe action, this will result in an automatic failure ending the CDL skills test. They will be required to reschedule to take the CDL skills test again. Applicant is responsible for the CDL skills test fee and the truck rental fee, if applicable.

It shall be within the discretion of the CDL skills test examiner to determine if an applicant has operated the commercial motor vehicle in a manner that was dangerous or unsafe causing an automatic failure.

Once the applicant has passed the CDL skills test they must return to the BMV license branch to complete the application process for the CDL prior to expiration of the CLP.

For additional information on the CDL skills test please review the following:

- Section 1.1.2 Skills Tests
- Section 11 Vehicle Inspection Test
- Section 12 Basic Vehicle Control Skills Test
- Section 13 On-road Driving

BMV-Approved CDL Skills Test Site

For a list of BMV approved CDL Skills Test sites, visit IN.gov/BMV or a BMV license branch.