



Commercial Drivers License

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You must be domiciled in the State of Alaska in order to obtain or renew an Alaska CDL. (Domicile = ALASKA MUST be your true, fixed and permanent home, and principal residence to which you intend to return whenever you are absent.)

If you live in RURAL Alaska, please [CLICK HERE](#) for additional information.

Transportation Worker Identification Credentials (TWIC) are issued by the Department of Homeland Security and are not available through DMV.

• Commercial Driver Manual

ORIGINAL ALASKA COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE (CDL)

A background check is required if you wish to obtain a hazardous materials endorsement or renew a CDL with a hazardous materials endorsement.

A commercial driver license (CDL) is required for a resident of Alaska who is driving a vehicle intrastate (19 & above) or interstate (21 & above) with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 26,001 pounds or more. If you will be driving a vehicle designed to carry 16 or more passengers, or transporting hazardous materials, regardless of the GVWR, a CDL is required. A commercial driver may have only one license and that license must be issued by their home state. Those exempted from the commercial driver licensing requirements include drivers of recreational, military and emergency vehicles. Farm vehicles are exempt if controlled and operated by a farmer, used to transport agricultural products or machinery to and from a farm, not used in for-hire or contract carrier operations, and if driven no further than 150 miles from the farm.

Your social security number is required to obtain a CDL. The commercial driver license fee is \$100.00. There is a \$25.00 non-refundable fee for those requiring a road test. Road test appointments may be scheduled in any State DMV office or using our Online Services. In the Municipality of Anchorage, commercial tests are administered by the Center for Employment Education (CEE). Call 279-8451 for an appointment. Outside the Municipality of Anchorage, please contact your local DMV, schedule your road test online or click [HERE](#) for additional 3rd Party Testers.

An applicant must be at least twenty-one years of age at the time of application and must have held a valid driver license for at least one year. For an intrastate license, the applicant must be at least nineteen years of age. An applicant must pass the road, vision and written test prior to issuance of the CDL. For further information about obtaining a commercial driver license, please address your questions to: E-mail [ALASKA DMV](#)

TRANSFERRING A CDL FROM ANOTHER STATE

Welcome to Alaska! Please be sure to obtain an Alaska license within 30 days of your arrival if you intend to make Alaska your home. If you do not have any intention of becoming a resident of Alaska (Seasonal worker, etc.) you must have a valid CDL from your home state in order to drive a Commercial Motor Vehicle in Alaska.

To transfer a CDL from another state to Alaska, you must:

- Complete an Application for Commercial Driver License (Form 415) and Commercial Driver Medical & Self Certification Verification (Form 413).
- Provide proof of the following: Date of birth, legal name, social security number and your physical address IN ALASKA.
- Surrender your valid license from another state. (Cannot be expired for over 1 year.)
- Pass the written "Rules of the Road" test to convert to an Alaska license. (20 questions)
- Pass the "Hazardous Materials" test if you have that endorsement and wish to keep it.

Effective January 31, 2005, you are required to pass a background check in order to obtain or retain a hazardous materials endorsement.

- Pass any knowledge tests for endorsements that you wish to add to your license and do not have on your current license. Some endorsements require a road test.
- Pass a vision test.
- Pay the \$100.00 fee for an ALASKA CDL.

Note: If your CDL from another state has been expired over one year, you must pass ALL written tests that apply to the type of license you wish to obtain. A road test is required if the license has been expired over five years.

CDL MEDICAL CARD & VISION REQUIREMENTS

Please see the following for information on CDL Medical Cards.

FMCSA New Medical Certification Requirements
A Guide for Commercial Drivers License (CDL) Holders
General Information and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Medical Report: DOT FORMS

Vision requirements to hold a CDL are 20/40 or better corrected in both eyes. If you do not meet the requirements, you *may* be eligible for a waiver for INTRASTATE, ONLY. See your eye doctor for a current vision test. If you cannot meet the vision requirements, you will need the results from your eye doctor before you can apply for a waiver. These are issued by the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division of the Department of Transportation (DOT). Vision Waiver Application
Federal Regulation is CFR 49 391.41 (10)

TYPES OF COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE'S AND ENDORSEMENTS:

- **Class A/CDL** - May operate a combination of a motor vehicle and one or more other vehicles with a GCWR of greater than 26,000 pounds where the combined GVWR of the vehicle or vehicles being towed is greater than 10,000 pounds; a holder of a Class A/CDL license may also operate a Class B/CDL, Class C/CDL, or Class D vehicle. (Examples: 18 wheelers, log trucks)
- **Class B/CDL** - May operate a motor vehicle with a GVWR of greater than 26,000 pounds, or a motor vehicle with a GVWR of greater than 26,000 pounds that is towing a vehicle with a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or less; a holder of a Class B/CDL license may also operate a Class C/CDL or Class D vehicle. (Examples: dump trucks, cement mixer, box trucks, motor coaches)
- **Class C/CDL** - May operate any single motor vehicle, or a combination of a motor vehicle and one or more other vehicles not meeting the definitions of Class A/CDL or B/CDL, but is either designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver, or is placarded under hazardous materials regulations in 49 C.F.R. Part 172, Subpart F, revised as of October 1, 2009; a holder of a Class C/CDL may also operate a Class D vehicle.

ENDORSEMENTS

You must have the appropriate endorsement on your CDL if you haul hazardous materials, pull double or triple trailers, or drive tank or passenger vehicles, or school buses.

- **Hazardous materials (H)** - Required for drivers of vehicles transporting hazardous materials requiring placards per the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act. A written test and Transportation Security Administration security threat assessment is required at each driver license renewal date. - Knowledge & Background Check (Background check - Effective 1/31/05)
- **Tank vehicles (N)** - Required for drivers of vehicles designed to transport liquids or gaseous materials within a tank that is either permanently or temporarily attached to the vehicle or chassis. Such vehicles include, but are not limited to, cargo tanks and portable tanks, as defined in hazardous materials regulations. This definition does not include portable tanks having a rated capacity under 1,000 gallons. - Knowledge
- **Passenger (P)** - Required for drivers of vehicles designed to carry 16 or more passengers including the driver. Both written and skills tests are required to obtain this endorsement. Knowledge & Skills (road test)
- **School bus (S)** - Required for drivers of vehicles transporting preprimary, primary or secondary school students from home to school, from school to home, or to and from school- sponsored events. Both written and skills tests are required to obtain this endorsement. Knowledge & Skills (road test)
- **Double/Triple (T)** - Required for drivers of vehicles pulling two or three trailers. (A dolly or load divider, sometimes referred to as a "jeep," is considered to be one trailer.) - Knowledge
- **Combination Tank/Hazardous material (X)** - Required for drivers of vehicles transporting tank vehicle used to transport placardable amounts of hazardous materials. - Knowledge & Background Check (Background check - Effective 1/31/05)

RESTRICTIONS

If you have restrictions on your CDL you must pass the appropriate tests to drive certain types of vehicles (Air brakes, manual transmissions) or to drive in certain areas.

- **L Restriction - Air Brakes** - The (L) restriction prohibits driving of vehicles with air brakes. The CDL will carry this restriction unless you pass an air brakes knowledge test and a skills test (Pre-trip Inspection and Road Test) in a vehicle equipped with air brakes.
- **M Restriction - Except Class A Bus** - The (M) restriction prohibits a driver with a passenger endorsement from operating a Class A bus if a Class A bus was not used for the skills test. A driver with a Class A CDL who also has a (P) endorsement will typically have the (M) restriction. Class A busses are not commonly found in the United States.
- **N Restriction - Except Class A and B Bus** - The (N) restriction restricts a CDL holder with the passenger endorsement from operating a Class A or B bus if a Class A or B bus was not used during their passenger endorsement skills test.
- **E Restriction** - Used to restrict applicant to class A and/or B automatic transmission vehicles (Not applicable to a C/CDL.) Skills test is required to remove this restriction
- **K Restriction** - Used to restrict an applicant to intrastate* driving.
 - All applicants under the age of 21.
 - An applicant that is legally blind in one eye and has submitted a state waiver. Contact ADL before entering this restriction when the waiver is submitted.

*Intrastate commerce means any trade, traffic, or transportation in any State which is not described in the term "interstate commerce".

*Interstate commerce (CFR 49 390.5) means trade, traffic, or transportation in the United States.

1. Between a place in a State and a place outside of such State (including a place outside of the United States); or
 2. Between two places in a State through another State or a place outside of the United States; or
 3. Between two places in a State as part of trade, traffic, or transportation.
- **O Restriction** - Except tractor trailer. Restricts the operator from driving tractor-trailer vehicles. Use this restriction when the test vehicle is tow truck configuration or pickup and large trailer (over 10,000 GVWR). Do not use this restriction for dump trucks with belly dumps or pups. Knowledge and Skills test is required to remove this restriction
 - **V Restriction** - A Federal medical waiver and/or Skills Performance Evaluation (SPE) was required. Waiver or SPE is required to remove this restriction
 - **7 Restriction** - Off-Highway: Used in specific rural communities where road tests are not administered. Skills test is required to remove this restriction

Federal Website (FMCSA)

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STATE OF ALASKA
DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES
APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE (CDL)

- To obtain an Alaska CDL or CDL permit, you must have held a valid U.S. driver license for one year or more.
- To obtain an original Alaska CDL, you must be 21 or older and must present proof of the following: legal name, date of birth, principal residence address, and social security number (original card or letter from the Social Security Administration).
- To obtain an original Alaska CDL permit, you must be 18 or older and must hold a valid Alaska driver license. (Use Form 478 to obtain a non-commercial driver license.)

THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL BY THE APPLICANT. MUST BE COMPLETED IN BLACK OR BLUE INK.

FULL LEGAL NAME:	First	Middle	Last	Suffix			
ALASKA license, permit or ID number, if applicable.		Date of Birth	Sex	Height	Weight	Hair Color	Eye Color
PLACE OF BIRTH:	City		State	Country (If other than USA)		Social Security No. (AS 28.15.061)	
Mailing Address (This address will appear on the license, permit or ID unless you notify us otherwise.)				City	State	Zip Code	
Residence Address (Physical location – no PO Box or Mail Cache addresses.)				City	State	Zip Code	
Would you like to register to vote in Alaska or update (name, address, party) your current Alaska voter registration?							YES NO
Are you domiciled in the State of Alaska? (See reverse for definition)							YES NO
Are you a United States Citizen?							YES NO
Do you want to sign up or continue to be an organ and tissue donor?							YES NO
Would you like to donate \$1.00 or more to the organ donor program?							YES NO Please enter the donation amount, if applicable. \$
Answer ALL questions. If you answered YES to a question, please provide additional information or answer the follow-up question.							

1. Have you ever been known by any other name? (Marriage, court or alias) If YES, please list all previous name(s): YES NO

2. Have you ever been licensed as a driver in another state? If YES, list the name(s) of ALL states where you have been licensed. YES NO

Previous State(s):

Previously issued license/permit must be surrendered before issuance in Alaska. If you have lost your license/permit, you may be required to obtain a driving record from the previous state before an Alaska license/permit can be issued. 2 AAC 90.420(f)

3. Has your license or driving privilege ever been suspended, revoked, denied, disqualified, or cancelled, or is there a pending action? YES NO

If YES, is the suspension, revocation, denial, disqualification or cancellation still in effect? YES NO

NOTE: You must meet all reinstatement requirements before a license/permit can be issued to you. AS 28.15.211

4. Within the past 5 years have you been committed to or admitted to a hospital or institution for alcoholism or drug addiction? YES NO

If YES, were you: ☐ self-committed ☐ court ordered? If court ordered, do you have a letter from the treatment facility? YES NO

5. Do you meet all the requirements contained in the federal government regulations shown on the back of this form? YES NO

List each requirement you do not meet: (Example: age 19)

6. Are you required to have a federal or state waiver to meet the medical requirements for a Commercial Driver License?

(Insulin, vision or skills performance evaluation certificate)

If you answered YES, you must provide a copy of the waiver.

YES NO

7. Within the past five years have you suffered from a seizure disorder, heart trouble, paralysis, fainting, loss of consciousness, dizzy spell(s), mental disorder or other health problems that might impair your driving? YES NO

If you answered YES, list the type of disorder(s) and date(s).

Are all condition(s) under control?

YES NO

If you have had a seizure or episode of loss of conscious control within the past six months, a license/permit cannot be issued to you. If you have suffered from any of the health problems listed above, a doctor's statement may be required indicating that the condition is under control and that you can safely operate a motor vehicle. In addition, the statement must indicate that you have not had a seizure or loss of consciousness within the past six months. 2 AAC 90.440

Doctor's Letter provided?

YES NO

8. Do you have any physical impairment(s) other than corrective lenses? If YES, describe: YES NO

I certify under penalty of law that all statements above are true and correct.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE (MUST SIGN IN FRONT OF A DMV REPRESENTATIVE)

DATE

AMVC ID / OFFICE NUMBER

Form 415

Alaska.gov/dmv

(Rev. 08/2012)

49 CFR Part 391.11 GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS OF DRIVERS.

- (a) A person shall not drive a commercial motor vehicle unless he/she is qualified to drive a commercial motor vehicle. Except as provided in 391.63, a motor carrier shall not require or permit a person to drive a commercial motor vehicle unless that person is qualified to drive a commercial motor vehicle.
- (b) Except as provided in subpart G of this part, a person is qualified to drive a commercial motor vehicle if he/she –
- (1) Is at least 21 years old;
 - (2) Can read and speak the English language sufficiently to converse with the general public, to understand highway traffic signs and signals in the English language, to respond to official inquiries, and to make entries on reports and records;
 - (3) Can, by reason of experience, training, or both, safely operate the type of commercial motor vehicle he/she drives;
 - (4) Is physically qualified to drive a commercial motor vehicle in accordance with subpart E – Physical Qualifications and Examinations of this part;
 - (5) Has a currently valid commercial motor vehicle operator's license issued only by one State or jurisdiction;
 - (6) Has prepared and furnished the motor carrier that employs him/her with the list of violations or the certificate as required by 391.27.
 - (7) Is not disqualified to drive a commercial motor vehicle under the rules in 391.15; and
 - (8) Has successfully completed a driver's road test and has been issued a certificate of driver's road test in accordance with 391.31, or has presented an operator's license or a certificate of road test which the motor carrier that employs him/her has accepted as equivalent to a road test in accordance with 391.33.

Definition of "domicile":

"domicile" means the true and permanent home of a person from which the person has no present intention of moving and to which the person intends to return whenever the person is away.

Both the Alaska and the CDL General Knowledge tests or equivalent are required to obtain a permit or license. A skills test may be required to add an endorsement or remove a restriction. Class A and IA require the combination knowledge test.

FOR DIVISION USE ONLY (Scores valid for one year. Tests MUST be verified in STAR prior to issuance.)														
For:	Original	Renewal	Duplicate	Reinstate	Type:	A	B	C	M1	M2	IA	IB	IC	ID
	AK General Knowledge	CDL General Knowledge	Air Brakes (Req. for A)	Combination (Req. for A)	Double/ Triple Trailers	Hazardous Materials	Passenger	School Bus	Tank Vehicle	Motorcycle	Alcohol Awareness			
SCORE														
DATE														
OFFICE #														
AMVC														

BIRTH & LEGAL NAME: Alaska License or Permit Alaska State ID Card US Birth Certificate US or Canadian Passport SSN PROOF: SS Card SSA Letter	NAME CHANGE PROOF: Marriage Certificate Divorce Decree Court Order Certificate of Naturalization PROOF OF RESIDENCE: _____	LICENSE CHECKS Initial each after you have verified the information: ALVIN _____ CDLIS _____ PDPS _____ STAR _____ (Must attach copy of STAR print out for an original or when upgrading CDL)	VISION TEST RESULTS A person who is blind in one eye must submit a vision waiver to obtain an Intrastate CDL. Without: Left _____ Right _____ With: Left _____ Right _____ If the applicant passed the test with corrective lenses, a restriction 1 is required. Color Blind Test: Pass Fail Medical Card
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LICENSE / PERMIT / ID CARD: Surrendered? YES NO Previous Number & State of Issue: _____ NEW Number Issued: _____	PAYMENT TYPE: CA CC CK FEE AMOUNT: _____ BATCH #: _____ DONATION AMT: _____ BATCH DATE: _____ TOTAL: _____ PROCESSED BY: AMVC _____
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STATE OF ALASKA
DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

COMMERCIAL DRIVER MEDICAL & SELF CERTIFYING VERIFICATION

THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL BY THE APPLICANT. MUST BE COMPLETED IN BLACK OR BLUE INK.

CURRENT LEGAL NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST, SUFFIX)				DATE OF BIRTH	
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER*	DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER	STATE OF ISSUE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	EYE COLOR

*MANDATORY DISCLOSURE REQUIRED BY AS 28.33.100. USED FOR IDENTIFICATION ONLY. RELEASED ONLY TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

**PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX FOR THE TYPE OF OPERATION THAT APPLIES TO YOU.
SEE THE BACK OF THIS FORM FOR GUIDANCE AND DEFINITIONS:**

- ☐ **NON-EXCEPTED INTERSTATE (NI)** A type of operation that does not fall under the excepted types of operation
(Current medical certificate required.) see (CDL medical handout) AND only operates in interstate commerce.
- ☐ **NON-EXCEPTED INTRASTATE (NA)** A type of operation that does not fall under the excepted types of operation
(Current medical certificate required.) see (CDL medical handout) AND only operates in intrastate commerce.
- ☐ **EXCEPTED INTERSTATE (EI)** A type of operation that falls under the excepted types of operation
(Medical certificate NOT required.) see (CDL medical handout) AND only operates in interstate commerce.
- ☐ **EXCEPTED INTRASTATE (EA)** A type of operation that falls under the excepted types of operation
(Medical certificate NOT required.) see (CDL medical handout) AND only operates in intrastate commerce.

**IF YOU HAVE SELECTED NON-EXCEPTED INTERSTATE OR NON-EXCEPTED INTRASTATE, YOU MUST PROVIDE
A CURRENT MEDICAL CERTIFICATE TO THE DMV. DMV WILL RETAIN A COPY FOR OUR RECORDS.**

I certify under penalty of law that all statements above are true and correct.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING THIS FORM:

If you are applying for an original or renewal of your CDL, please take all required forms to your local DMV.

If your CDL is current, you may submit the form along with any other documents that apply to you (Medical Examiner's Certificate, State or Federal Waiver, Skills Performance Evaluation) in the following manner:

- Mail to the address listed below;
- Scan and email to doa.dmv.adl@alaska.gov;
- Deliver to your local State DMV Office. A list of office locations and hours can be found on our website.

Your medical information will be updated in our system within 10 calendar days from the date of receipt.

Anchorage Driver Licensing
1300 W. Benson Blvd, Ste. 100
Anchorage, AK 99503

CDL Medical & Self Certifying Verification Guide

SPECIAL NOTE: By selecting an INTRASTATE operation type, you are subject to the K restriction on your CDL. Only select INTRASTATE if you do not meet the Federal requirements for a CDL (under 21 or blind in one eye).

There are two differences between excepted and non excepted types of operation. The excepted types of operation are defined in 49 CFR 390.3 (f).

If you are any of these types of operation and you do NOT have a medical examiners certificate or medical waiver, you will want to self certify to either excepted interstate or excepted intrastate.

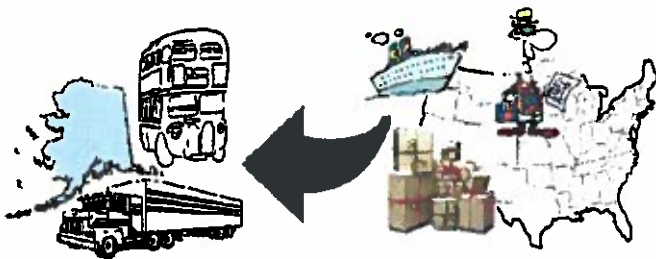
- Custom Farm Operations
- Bee Keepers
- Federal, State, Municipal or Borough transportation and/or operation
- Occasional transport of personal property
- Transportation of human corpses or sick/injured persons
- Fire trucks and rescue vehicles
- CMVs used to transport between 9 and 15 passengers, including the driver
- CMVs used primarily in transportation of propane winter heating fuel
- Driver of migrant workers

If you operate a CMV in anyway outside of the excepted types of operation or you have a valid medical examiners certificate, you are considered non-excepted.

Difference between interstate and intrastate

Interstate = If the vehicle or load (may be goods or passengers) originates in one state and is transported to or through another state, the operation would be considered "interstate commerce".

Intrastate = If the vehicle or load (may be goods or passengers) originates in Alaska and the operator does not transport the vehicle or load outside of Alaska, it is considered "intrastate commerce".



If you have any questions regarding the self certification types or the requirements, please contact Anchorage Driver Licensing for assistance prior to submitting the form.

DEFINITIONS

INTERSTATE COMMERCE means trade, traffic, or transportation in the United States—

- (1) Between a place in a State and a place outside of such State (including a place outside of the United States);
- (2) Between two places in a State through another State or a place outside of the United States; or
- (3) Between two places in a State as part of trade, traffic, or transportation originating or terminating outside the State or the United States.

Example: If the vehicle or load originates in one state and is transported to or through another state, the operation would be considered "interstate commerce".

INTRASTATE COMMERCE means any trade, traffic, or transportation in any State which is not described in the term "interstate commerce".

Example: If the vehicle or load originates in one state and operator does not transport the vehicle or load outside of the original state, it is considered "intrastate commerce".

COMMERCE means (a) any trade, traffic or transportation within the jurisdiction of the United States between a place in a State and a place outside of such State, including a place outside of the United States and (b) trade, traffic, and transportation in the United States which affects any trade, traffic, and transportation described in paragraph (a) of this definition.

383.71 DRIVER APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES.

NON- EXCEPTED INTERSTATE. A person must certify that he or she operates or expects to operate in interstate commerce, is both subject to and meets the qualification requirements under 49 CFR part 391, and is required to obtain a medical examiner's certificate by 391.45 of this chapter.

EXCEPTED INTERSTATE. A person must certify that he or she operates or expects to operate in interstate commerce, but engages exclusively in transportation or operations excepted under 49 CFR 390.3(f), 391.2, 391.68 or 398.3 from all parts of the qualification requirements of 49 CFR part 391, and is therefore not required to obtain a medical examiner's certificate by 49 CFR 391.45 of this chapter.

NON-EXCEPTED INTRASTATE. A person must certify that he or she operates in intrastate commerce and therefore is subject to State driver qualification requirements.

EXCEPTED INTRASTATE. A person must certify that he or she operates in intrastate commerce, but engages exclusively in transportation or operations excepted from all or parts of the State driver qualification requirements.