

CDL LICENSING INFORMATION

VEHICLE GROUPS AND ENDORSEMENTS

CLASS	DESCRIPTION
A	Any combination of vehicles with a GCWR of 26,001 or more pounds provided the GVWR of the vehicle(s) being towed is in excess of 10,000 pounds. (Holders of a Class A License may, with appropriate endorsements, operate vehicles in any lesser class.)
B	Any single vehicle with a GVWR of 26,001 or more pounds, or any such vehicle towing a vehicle not in excess of 10,000 pounds GVWR. (Holders of a Class B License may, with appropriate endorsements, operate vehicles in any lesser class.)
C	Vehicles transporting hazardous materials in placarded quantities in a vehicle having a GVWR of less than 26,000 pounds, and may pull a trailer having a GVWR of less than 10,000 pounds; or a vehicle designed to transport 16 or more passengers including the driver. (Holders of a Class C License may operate all vehicles within Class D.)

ENDORSEMENTS

In addition to taking and passing the knowledge and skills tests required for a particular class of vehicle, all persons who operate the types of motor vehicles described below shall take and pass specialized tests to obtain each endorsement. The state shall issue endorsements only to drivers who successfully complete the tests.

ENDORSEMENT	DESCRIPTION	WRITTEN TEST	SKILLS TEST
H	Any vehicle used to transport placarded quantities of hazardous materials.	Hazardous Materials	No
N	Any vehicle intended for hauling liquids in bulk.	Tank Vehicle	No
P	Any vehicle designed to transport 16 or more passengers including driver.	Passenger Transport	Yes
S	School bus.	School bus	Yes
T	Combination Vehicles with double or triple trailers.	Doubles/Triples	No
X	Combination of tank vehicle and hazardous materials endorsements.	Tank and Hazardous Materials	No

RESTRICTIONS

The following are restrictions which may be attached to a Commercial Driver's License:

B	Corrective lenses must be worn while driving.
C	Mechanical Aids – limited to vehicles equipped with suitable mechanical aids, such as special brakes, hand controls or other adaptive devices.
D	Prosthetic Aids – must use prosthetic aids (other than corrective lenses) while driving.
E	Limited to CMV with automatic transmissions. (This restriction removed by passing a full Skills Test.)
K	Driver limited to driving a commercial vehicle in intrastate commerce only.
L	Driver limited to driving commercial vehicles which do not have air brakes. (This restriction removed by passing Air Brake Knowledge Test and full Skills Test.)
M	No Class A passenger vehicle.
N	No Class A or B passenger vehicle.
O	Not tractor-trailer. (This restriction removed by passing full Skills Test in a tractor trailer.)
S	Limited to government plated vehicles.
T	Limited to buses only.
V	Medical variance. (Federal or state waiver for a physical or vision condition.)
X	CDL Permit restriction - No cargo in CMV tank vehicle.
Z	No full air brake equipped CMV.

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PREQUALIFICATION

A driver applicant for a CDL Permit, a first-time Commercial License or a Commercial License renewal must have the following documentation:

- 1) State birth certificate or US passport or other proof of lawful presence in the US.
- 2) Social Security Card.
- 3) DOT Medical Certification – stored electronically by MVD or hard-copy.
- 4) Two verifiable proofs of physical residency in New Mexico.
- 5) A valid New Mexico driver's/CDL license.

CDL KNOWLEDGE TESTS

All drivers will be required to pass all required CDL Knowledge Tests for the Class and/or type of vehicle the applicant wants to operate. Any applicant who fails any one CDL Knowledge Test *must wait* one week (7 days) from day of testing before retesting. Any CDL Applicant may take any one CDL Knowledge Test three times within a one year period. After the third fail, the applicant *must wait* one year from the first time tested before retesting. No documentation of any kind and no cellular phones are permitted in the test area. Any applicant found cheating or committing an offense while testing, will have their CDL application or CDL license disqualified for a period of one year from the date of determination and will be required to obtain a Class D license if holding a CDL. The disqualified applicant may reapply (a full retest) for the CDL license after the one year period.

SKILLS TESTS

If you have obtained a CDL Learner's Permit, you may inquire where to take the Required Skills Test in your area. The Skills Tests consists of the Pre-Trip, Basic Control Skills and Road Testing and are administered by a third party examiner and will normally take two hours. Any applicant who fails the skills test must wait one week (7 days) from day of testing before retesting. Any CDL Applicant may take the skills test three times within a one year period. After the third fail, the applicant must wait one year from the first time tested before retesting. A third-time fail in any part of the Skills Test will result in a one year wait before re-testing. All applicable fees for Skills Testing are payable to the third party examiner or tester and NOT to the State of New Mexico.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATIONS

If a CDL applicant does not have a current, valid DOT Medical Certificate on record with MVD, the applicant will be required to submit a copy of his or her medical certificate.

PASSING SCORE

Each part of the Knowledge and Skills Test is graded independently. A passing score is 80% or higher.

IMPLIED CONSENT

Section 66-8-107 NMSA 1978 of the New Mexico Laws provides that:

- A. Any person who operates a motor vehicle within this state shall be deemed to have given consent, subject to the provisions of the Implied Consent Act, to chemical tests of his breath or blood, as determined by a law enforcement officer, or for the purpose of determining the drug or alcoholic content of his blood if arrested for any offense arising out of the acts alleged to have been committed while the person was driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicating liquor or drug.
- B. A test of blood or breath shall be administered at the direction of the law enforcement officer having reasonable grounds to believe the person to have been driving a motor vehicle within this state while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drug.

Refusal to comply with this requirement, a finding of guilty in an administrative DWI action or a court conviction for DWI will result in a one year disqualification for the first offense and a disqualification for life for the second offense.