



Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 101.00 Non-Domiciled CLP and CDL

Section: 1. Issuance of Driver's License

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[49 CFR 383.71 \(f\)\(2\)](#)

[49 CFR 383.5](#)

[49 CFR 383.23\(b\)\(1\)](#)

To view Louisiana Statutes: <http://www.legis.state.la.us/>

Definitions:

- **Non-Domiciled Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) or Commercial Driver's License (CDL)**– A CLP or CDL issued to an individual domiciled in a foreign jurisdiction, meeting the requirements of §383.23(b)(1)¹

Eligibility:

- To be eligible for a Louisiana issued CDL, you must meet [CLP requirements](#).
- Citizens of Canada or Mexico are ineligible for a Louisiana issued non-domiciled CLP and CDL.
- If a citizen of Canada or Mexico, individuals must obtain a CDL from Canada or Mexico, "because the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has determined that commercial licenses issued by Canadian provinces and territories and the United Mexican States are in accordance with the standards established by the FMCSA rules".²
- Non-domiciled CLP or CDL applicants are **not** eligible for a Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) endorsement.

General:

- A non-domiciled CLP and/or CDL may be issued from an Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) field office **only**.
- The expiration date of the non-domiciled credential will reflect the expiration date of the [immigration documents](#).
- The foreign license is not required to be surrendered to acquire a non-domiciled CLP or CDL.

Required Documents:

- **One** of the following:
 - An unexpired employment authorization document (EAD) issued by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
 - An unexpired foreign passport (accompanied by an approved I-94 form) documenting the most recent admittance into the United States.³
- [Proof of Louisiana Residency](#)

- [Proof of Identification](#)
- [Social Security Number](#)
- Valid Medical Examiner's Certificate, signed and dated by a medical professional indicating they are able to operate a Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV).

Related Policies:

Section 1, Policy 1.01, [Commercial Learner's Permit](#)

Section 1, Policy 6.00, [Identification Requirements](#)

Section 1, Policy 6.02, [Driver's License Issuance for Aliens Temporarily Residing in Louisiana](#)

Section 1, Policy 41.00, [Social Security Verification](#)

References:

- ¹ – Electronic Code of Federal Regulations, *Definitions* (383.5), retrieved from https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=396d99847bc2ed880a3fd2de0f77d967&mc=true&node=se49.5.383_15&rgn=div8
- ² – Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, *May a Foreign Driver with an Employment Authorization Document Obtain a CDL to Operate a CMV in the United States* (383.23), retrieved from <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/commercial-drivers-license/may-foreign-driver-employment-authorization-document-obtain#:~:text=However%2C%20drivers%20who%20are%20citizens,standards%20established%20by%20our%20rules>
- ³ – Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, *Driver Application and Certification Procedures* (383.71), retrieved from https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=41438e3f3bcfa7d2a660e7a8516ead52&mc=true&node=se49.5.383_171&rgn=div8.