



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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Objective: This policy has been established to outline the eligibility and required documentation for acquiring a non-domicile commercial learner's permit (CLP) or a non-domicile commercial driver's license (CDL).

Definitions:

- **Non-Domicile 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:

- Applicants must meet CLP requirements outlined in Section 1, Policy 1.01, [Commercial Learner's Permit](#), to be eligible for a Louisiana issued CDL.
- Applicants domiciled in Canada or Mexico are ineligible for a Louisiana issued non-domicile CLP and CDL, "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

General:

- The applicant may only acquire a non-domicile CLP and/or CDL from an Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) field office.
- The expiration date of the non-domicile credential will reflect the expiration date of the applicant's immigration documents, as outlined in Section 1, Policy 6.02, [Driver's License Issuance for Aliens Temporarily Residing in Louisiana](#).
- Non-domiciled CLP or CDL applicants are **not** eligible for a Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) endorsement.
- An applicant for a non-domiciled CLP or CDL is not required to surrender his/her foreign license.

Required Documents:

- **Immigration Documentation** – Applicants must provide an unexpired employment authorization document (EAD) issued by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) or an unexpired foreign passport accompanied by an approved I-94 form documenting the applicant's most recent admittance into the US.³
- **Proof of Louisiana Residency** – A letter, on company letterhead, from the applicant's employer with the applicant's name and address of the accommodations provided by the employer.
- The applicant shall provide proof of identification, as outlined in Section 1, Policy 6.00, [Identification Requirements](#).
- **Social Security Number** – Applicants **must** provide their assigned Social Security number for issuance of a CLP or CDL. Refer to Section 1, Policy 41.00, [Social Security Verification](#) for more information.
- **Medical Examiner's Certificate** – Applicants must provide a 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&rqn=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&rqn=div8.