



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, CLP requirements must be met and the individual must have a status of H-2A, H-2B, or E-2.
 - If no longer eligible, the individual must downgrade to a Class E (operator's) or Class D (chauffer's) license.
 - If the individual does not comply with the requirements to either produce required documentation or downgrade the credential within thirty (30) days of the office visit, the CDL status will be disqualified indefinitely.
- 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 foreign license is not required to be surrendered to acquire a non-domiciled CLP or CDL.
- Expiration of the non-domiciled credential will be for the duration of the date indicated on the I-94 or one year, whichever is sooner.
 - The expiration date shall not exceed one year.

Required Documents:

- An unexpired foreign passport (accompanied by an approved I-94/I-94A at every issuance) documenting the most recent admittance into the United States.³
- [Proof of Louisiana Residency](#)
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- [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.