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# Upgrade Class E to CDL

**The Driver License Office charges a minimum fee of \$6.25 to access your driver license record – this includes all questions, research, and all transactions.**

All Florida Commercial Driver License (CDL) applicants must schedule an appointment at [taxcollector.com](http://taxcollector.com), complete a [Driver License Application](#) and comply with the requirements listed below in order to upgrade their Florida Class E or equivalent out-of-state operator's license to a Florida CDL license.

- ☐ The applicant must meet all of the following pre-qualifications:
  - Florida resident with proof of Social Security Number that verifies with the Social Security Administration
  - 21 years of age to drive interstate (18-20 year olds will be restricted to intrastate operation only)
  - Have an eligible (non-suspended) driving record in Florida and out-of-state
  - Present a valid medical certification card (if applicable)
  - Pass a Vision/Hearing Test, which meet minimum State of Florida requirements
  - Have Real ID documents to prove your citizenship or legal presence, name change (if applicable), residential address, and social security number (if applicable). For a [complete list of acceptable documents](#), visit [flhsmv.gov/whattobring](http://flhsmv.gov/whattobring).
- ☐ **Written exams** are **administered by appointment only for Manatee County residents**. Visit [taxcollector.com](http://taxcollector.com) to schedule an appointment to take all written exams required for the desired [license class](#). The first attempt for each exam is \$6.25; each retake costs \$16.25 per exam. There is a maximum of two attempts per day per exam. **There is a sixty (60) minute time limit on all written exams completed in our office.** If they are not completed by that time, your test(s) will be terminated and retake fees will apply. **Allow yourself enough time to complete the applicable exams.** Please study the [CDL handbook](#) ([flhsmv.gov/resources/](http://flhsmv.gov/resources/)).

<b>■ Class A</b> <u>Combination</u> vehicle 26,001 lbs GVWR or more towing a trailer 10,000 lbs GVWR or more	<b>■ Class B</b> <u>Single</u> vehicle 26,001 lbs GVWR or more	<b>■ Class C</b> <u>Single</u> vehicle 26,000 lbs GVWR or less that requires a Passenger or Hazmat Endorsement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Knowledge (50 questions)</li> <li>• Combination Vehicles (20 questions)</li> <li>• Air Brakes (25 questions)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Knowledge (50 questions)</li> <li>• Air Brakes (25 questions)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Knowledge (50 questions)</li> </ul>

**\*\*If you do not take the Air Brakes written exam, your CDL will be issued with a 1 restriction, which limits you to operating commercial vehicles without air brakes.**

- ☐ Pass all written exams required for any desired [endorsements](#).
  - Tanker (N) - 20 questions
  - Passenger (P) - 20 questions
  - School Bus (S) - 20 questions
  - Double/Triple Trailer (T) - 20 questions
  - [Hazmat](#) (H) – 30 questions
- ☐ You are required to purchase a CDL Instructional Permit for \$6.25 that would allow you to practice in a vehicle for your desired license class (with restrictions and endorsements) for up to 365 days with a 21 year or older driver who holds a CDL equivalent to or higher than the classification indicated on your permit (including any applicable endorsements); he/she must occupy the front seat closest to the driver. You are required to **hold the permit for 14 business days before** you are permitted to complete any skills testing. You must also self-certify your driving status and provide a current medical certification card, if required by your selected status. For [additional information](#), visit [flhsmv.gov](http://flhsmv.gov).

- ☐ You must take and pass your [CDL Driving Skills Road Skills Test](#) through an approved provider. (If you do not pass your CDL Driving Skills Road Test within 365 days, you will be required to retest.) Once completed, an appointment is required to return to our office and apply for a CDL license (**\$81.25 + \$7.00 each endorsement.**) Visit [taxcollector.com](http://taxcollector.com) to schedule your appointment. You are required to complete a [Driver License Application](#) and present your medical card again.

**Not a Manatee County resident?** Our offices are open to the public by appointment only for Manatee County residents/businesses. All out-of-county residents must visit their home county for processing.