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# CDL Federal Vision Waiver

**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) and complete a [Driver License Application](#).

Commercial driver license (CDL) holders are held to a higher standard of vision than other drivers. If you do not meet the minimum Federal vision requirement of **20/40 or better in each eye** with or without best correction (glasses or contacts), you will be restricted to intrastate operation and a 2 restriction will be placed on your CDL.

The chart below compares **intrastate** operation (2 restriction) to a regular CDL license without restriction that allows for **interstate** operation.

Interstate Operation Regular CDL License	Intrastate Operation CDL License with 2 Restriction
Authorized to operate a Commercial Motor Vehicle in <b>ALL</b> states	Authorized to operate a Commercial Motor Vehicle <b>ONLY</b> in Florida
Authorized to transport loaded cargo that originated out-of-state	<b>NOT</b> authorized to transport loaded cargo that originated out-of-state
Authorized to transport loaded cargo that is being shipped out-of-state	<b>NOT</b> authorized to transport loaded cargo that is being shipped out-of-state

The only way to have the 2 restriction removed from your CDL is by obtaining a **Federal Vision Waiver** and presenting it to our office with your driver license application. (Fees will be incurred to issue a new license without the 2 restriction.)

Please note that Federal Vision Waivers are only available to those individuals who have held a CDL license for at least 3 years prior to loss of vision.

To obtain a Federal Vision Waiver, you must contact the **FMCSR Office of Bus and Truck Standards at (703) 448-3094** to see if you are eligible to apply and to request an application packet. The application process takes 180 days from receipt of application, regardless if you are approved or not.

**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.

**NOTE: The information in this document is believed to be correct and is subject to change and is not warranted.**  
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**\*\*\*\* THIS TRANSACTION MAY ONLY BE PROCESSED AT THE DRIVER LICENSE OFFICE \*\*\*\***