

Section: 1. Issuance of Driver's License

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Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations 49 C.F.R. 383.25 R.S. 32:408

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

Definitions:

- **Application Fee** A fee assessed on a commercial driver's license (CDL) for processing the application for issuance. This fee is charged for **each** application.
- Commercial Driver's License (CDL) A driver's license issued by the state driver's license agency, that specifically allows drivers to operate a commercial motor vehicle
- Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) A permit that only authorizes a person to practice on public roads with a qualified CDL holder accompanying the driver¹

Eligibility:

- Must be 18 years of age or older
 - If under the age of 21, the applicant must certify intrastate on the Supplemental Form for CDL Application (DPSMV2211)
- Must pass all knowledge exams prior to the issuance of the CLP
- Must have a valid Louisiana driver's license to qualify for a Louisiana issued CLP, without the "02" restriction (operating a vehicle only with a licensed driver)
 - Out of State Applicants Out-of-state students who are attending a driver training school in Louisiana may use a CLP issued in their home state, in combination with a valid driver's license issued by the same state.

General:

- After February 6, 2022, the CLP holder must have completed training from an approved Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) provider before taking a skills test or before taking the written test for HAZMAT, for the first time.²
- All applicants shall obtain a CLP prior to the administration of a skills test and must follow all <u>Federal Regulations</u> for operating while permitted.
 - The CLP holder is not eligible to take the CDL skills test in the first fourteen (14) days after initial issuance of the CLP.

Endorsements:

- o The only endorsements that can be issued on a CLP include:
 - **N** Tank
 - **P** Passenger
 - S School Bus
- Each endorsement indicated above will also have a corresponding restriction code. Restriction codes include:
 - **N** Tank (**69**) restriction
 - **P** Passenger (**07**) restriction
 - **S** School Bus (07) restriction
- Extension of Expiration Date A CLP is issued for up to 180 days with an option to extend for an additional 180 days, if additional training time is needed.
 - The term of the CLP cannot exceed one year from the date of initial issuance.
 - There is no charge for the extension.

Required Documentation:

- Proof of Louisiana Residency
- Completed CDL Supplemental Form (DPSMV2211)
- Current Medical Examiner's Certificate (MCSA5876), certifying the driver is qualified under the provisions of 49 CFR 391.41.
 - All CDL physicals must be performed by a medical examiner certified by the National Registry of Medical Examiners. Please visit the <u>National Registry</u> for a list of certified medical examiners.

Fees:

- **CDL Application Fee** Prior to examination, all applicants are required to pay a \$15.00 application fee.
 - If there is any attempt at cheating, the application fee is forfeited and all previously attempted CDL scores are void.
 - The applicant must schedule within (30) days to re-take the knowledge and/or skills test.
 - The applicant must wait one business day after the date cheating was suspected.

Related Policies:

Section 1, Policy <u>10.00, Knowledge Examinations for all Classes</u> Section 1, Policy <u>12.00, Road Skills Tests</u>

References:

- 1 Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. How do I get a Commercial Driver's License, retrieved from https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/commercial-drivers-license/how-do-i-get-commercial-drivers-license.
- ² Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. *Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT),* retrieved from https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/commercial-drivers-license/entry-level-driver-training-eldt.