



Louisiana Department of Public Safety  
Office of Motor Vehicles  
**Policy 1.01 Commercial Learner's Permit**

**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 driver<sup>1</sup>

**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 provide proof of U.S. citizenship, lawful permanent residency, or have proof already on file.
- 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.<sup>2</sup>
- All applicants shall obtain a CLP prior to the administration of a skills test and must follow all [Federal Regulations](#) 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:**
  - 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 [National Registry](#) 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 [10.00, Knowledge Examinations for all Classes](#)

Section 1, Policy [12.00, Road Skills Tests](#)

**References:**

<sup>1</sup> – 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>.

<sup>2</sup> – 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>.