



Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 1.02 Farm Related Service Industry CDL Waiver

Section: 1. Issuance of Driver's License

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Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations,
49 C.F.R. 383.3(f)

General:

- The Federal Highway Administration allows states to issue restricted CDLs (farm related service industry waivers) to seasonal drivers which are accepted through reciprocity in all states, and which are limited to the following farm-related service industries:
 - Farm retail outlets and suppliers
 - Agri-chemical businesses
 - Custom harvesters
 - Livestock feeders

Eligibility:

- Applicant must:
 - Be at least 18 years of age and must be licensed for at least one year prior to making application.
 - Hold a valid driver's license with no active or pending suspensions showing on his Louisiana driving record or any violation in another state that would cause his driving privileges to be suspended.
 - Has not had any conviction for any type of motor vehicle for disqualifying offenses.
 - Has not had any conviction for any type of motor vehicle for serious traffic violations.
 - Has not had any conviction for a violation of State or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control (other than a parking violation) arising in connection with any traffic accident and has no record of an accident in which they was at fault.
 - Meet all CDL medical requirements.

Requirements:

- The driver must provide a letter (on company letterhead) from his employer or a notarized affidavit (if self-employed).
- The letter/notarized affidavit must identify one or more of the above mentioned categories of activities for which the waiver is being applied for and the period of time for which the waiver is needed.
- The employer must also state that the driver will drive within a 150-mile radius from the place of business or from the farm which is being served.

- The applicant must have a current Medical Examiner's Certificate certifying the driver is qualified under the provisions of 49 CFR 391.41.
- The applicant must complete a self-certification form, initially and anytime the type of commerce changes.
- On or after May 21, 2014, 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.
- Applicants must pass the vision test at each application (minimum 20/40 in each & both eyes).
- A Farm Related Service Industry waiver ([DPSMV2279](#))
- A \$15.00 application fee to initiate a CDLIS and NDR inquiry on the initial issuance or renewal of the license.

Notes:

- Under the provisions of the federal rule, the following procedures apply
 - Applicants for the waiver are not required to take the CDL skills or knowledge tests.
 - Applicants are restricted to Class B or C only; the waiver shall **not** be issued with a Class A CDL.
 - Restricted CDL holders shall not be issued any endorsements.
 - Restricted CDL holders may not operate a commercial motor vehicle beyond 150 miles from the place of business or the farm currently being served.
 - While the photo license is issued with a 6-year expiration, it must be accompanied by the Farm Related Services Industry waiver while operating commercial vehicles. The waiver form may be issued for more than one seasonal period within any calendar year, but the total period cannot exceed 210 days in any calendar year.
 - The restricted CDL is valid only during the currently approved season and must be re-validated for each successive season. Only one seasonal period of validity (Farm Related Services Industry waiver) shall accompany the license document at one time.
 - If an applicant changes jobs, the CDL farm waiver will automatically become invalid. A new "Farm Related Service Industry Waiver" may be issued with submission of the required information from the new employer. The applicant must submit the medical card, application, letter from new employer, and pass the vision exam. A copy of the new "Farm Related Services Industry Waiver" must be maintained with the supporting documents. A duplicate CDL license will be issued (\$5.00). The \$5.00 fee will cover the cost of an NDR and CDLIS check and an update to the driver's license record.
 - The restricted CDL issued for a Farm Related Service Industry Waiver will be marked by a large red "R" on its face to further signify that this is a specially restricted CDL license.
- **Miscellaneous Information:**
 - If the applicant discontinues driving for agricultural industries, the license will remain valid until the expiration date for the previous class issued **ONLY**.
 - At renewal time the license will be downgraded to the previous class held. The "CDL Waiver for Farm Related Service Industries Waiver" will show the previous class issued. If the applicant has misplaced this form, the IMAGE system can be checked to verify the previous class held.
 - For transport of hazardous materials requiring placarding, restricted CDL holders would be limited to:
 - Diesel fuel in quantities of 1,000 gallons or less
 - Liquid fertilizers in vehicles with total capacity of 3,000 gallons or less

- Solid fertilizers that are not mixed with any organic substance.
- **Restricted CDL**
 - No other placarded hazardous materials may be transported by holders of restricted CDLs.
 - Restricted CDL holders will be fully subject to all CDL disqualification penalties.