



Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 25.00 Military/Peace Corps Personnel and Dependents

Section: 1. Issuance of Driver's License

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[R.S. 32:404 \(C\)](#)

[R. S. 32:412 \(F\)](#)

[R. S. 32:420 \(D\)](#)

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

General:

- The Louisiana driver's license of members of the Armed Forces/Peace Corps and their dependents who serve outside of Louisiana shall remain valid for sixty days after discharge, provided the license was valid upon entrance to service and not expired, suspended, or revoked. The driver's license will be expired/delinquent on the 61st day after discharge. The last license issued and proof of discharge shall be accepted to renew the driver's license.
- This provision shall also apply to a Commercial Driver's License (CDL Class A/B/C); however, the license shall only be valid for Class "E" operation when used for nonmilitary purposes and while the licensee is still a full-time member of said armed forces and for not more than sixty days after discharge. At the time the licensee comes in for a renewal, they shall not be charged a delinquent fee. The only test that will be required is the Hazardous Materials test which is required for all CDL holders at renewal if they wish to retain their HAZMAT endorsement.
- NOTE: Louisiana does not recognize any type of "commercial" license issued by the military. If you have a question as to the authenticity or acceptability of a particular license, contact the Help Desk.

Requirements:

- All renewal applications requesting driver licenses for Military/Peace Corps personnel and their dependents who are stationed out-of-state or overseas must be sent to the OMV Headquarters for processing. The address is OMV Headquarters, Attn: CDL Help Desk, P.O. Box 64886, Baton Rouge, LA 70806-4886.
- **Out of State Military Personnel Dependents Stationed in Louisiana (R.S. 32:404 (C)):**
 - A resident who is the dependent of any person on active duty with the Armed Forces and stationed within Louisiana, but who is domiciled in another state and has in his immediate possession both a valid license issued to him by his home state and a current military dependent identification card shall be exempt from obtaining a Louisiana driver's license during the period of residency with the supporting member of the Armed Forces while stationed in Louisiana.

- Dependents must comply with the normal renewal procedures of their home state.
- **Military License Only (for an applicant who never had/does not have any “state” issued driver’s license):**
 - Military personnel who possess only a military license and who have never had a state issued license will be exempt from the 14-hour pre-licensing course.
 - However, the applicant must complete and pass all required written tests and road skills tests.

Related Policies:

Section 1, Policy 2.00 [Fees And Duration Of License/ID Card](#)

Section 1, Policy 17.00 [Delinquent Fees](#)