



SOUTH DAKOTA
DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC SAFETY

prevention — protection — enforcement

DRIVER LICENSING

Checklist for military commercial driver's license (CDL) waiver

Military drivers must apply within one year of separation from active duty.

If you have recent experience driving large trucks in the military, you may be eligible to obtain a South Dakota commercial driver's license (CDL) without taking the driving skills test that is normally required. To be eligible for the waiver, you must have legally operated the same type of commercial motor vehicle that you expect to operate as a civilian for at least two years immediately prior to applying for a CDL, or four years if part-time National Guard or Reserve.

You must pass all the CDL written tests before we can grant you a waiver of the skills tests.

You must certify in the last 2 years:

- His/her safe driving experience
- That he or she has not held more than one license (except a military CDL) in the past two years
- Has not had his/her State issued driver license suspended, revoked or cancelled
- Has not had more than one convictions in any type of motor vehicle for the disqualifying CDL offenses listed in the federal regulation, 49 CFR 383.51(b)

To qualify for the waiver, you must:

- Be a South Dakota resident
- Hold a valid South Dakota driver's license
- Submit the Application for Military Skills Test Waiver form

In addition to completing the Application for Military Skills Test Waiver form, you must present the required documentation listed below.

- A copy of your last two years of your W-2 forms proving military service, if part-time National Guard or Reserve submit the last four years of W-2 forms.
- A copy of your Military CDL that defines the types of vehicle you are/were authorized to drive; or
- An expired military CDL that expired within the last year from the submittal date of the application for waiver form.

Your military service record. One of the two of the following is required:

- DD Form 2 (Active Duty Uniformed Services ID Card), certifying you are a member of the active or reserve components of any branch or unit of the U.S. armed forces; or
- DD214 or NGB-22 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty), certifying you are a veteran who received an honorable discharge from any branch or unit of the active or reserve components of the U.S. armed forces.

2. Send your completed application and your phone number, along with the other necessary documents to Driver Licensing, 118 W. Capitol Ave, Pierre SD 57501.

3. When your application has been processed you will be notified by mail of the results.

APPLICATION FOR MILITARY SKILLS TEST WAIVER

The Commercial Driver License (CDL) skills test waiver form may be used by service members who are currently licensed and who are or were employed within the past year (12 months) in a military position requiring the operation of a military motor vehicle equivalent to a Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV). This waiver allows a qualified service member to apply for a CDL without skills testing. CDL knowledge (written) test(s) cannot be waived. **The transfer of School Bus(S) and/or Passenger (P) endorsements under this Waiver Program are prohibited.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME (Last, First, Middle)		STATE /DRIVER LICENSE NUMBER (required)		APPLICATION DATE	
RESIDENCE ADDRESS (STREET)	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTY	
MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT)	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTY	

DRIVER RECORD CERTIFICATION

During the 2-year period immediately preceding this date:

- Have you had more than one license (except for a military license)? YES NO
- Has your license been suspended, revoked, cancelled or disqualified in this or any state? YES NO

Have you been convicted of any violations described below in any type of motor vehicle?

- Being under the influence of alcohol as prescribed by state law YES NO
- Being under the influence of a controlled substance YES NO
- Having an alcohol concentration of 0.04 or greater while operating a CMV YES NO
- Refusing to take an alcohol test as required by a State jurisdiction under its implied consent laws or regulations as defined in 49 CFR 383.72 YES NO
- Leaving the scene of an accident YES NO
- Using the vehicle to commit a felony (other than manufacturing, distributing or dispensing a controlled substance) YES NO
- Driving a CMV while your CDL is revoked, suspended, cancelled; or you are disqualified from operating a CMV YES NO
- Causing a fatality through the negligent operation of a CMV (including motor vehicle manslaughter, homicide by motor vehicle, or negligent homicide) YES NO
- Using the vehicle in the commission of a felony involving manufacturing, distributing, or dispensing a controlled substance YES NO

Have you had more than one conviction for any of the violations described below in any type of motor vehicle?

- Speeding in excess of 15 mph or more above the posted speed limit YES NO
- Driving recklessly, as defined by State or local law or regulation (including offenses of driving a motor vehicle in willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property) YES NO
- Making improper or erratic lane changes YES NO
- Following the vehicle ahead too closely YES NO
- Violating State or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control (other than a parking violation) arising in connection with a fatal accident YES NO
- Driving a CMV without obtaining a CDL YES NO
- Driving a CMV without a CDL in the driver's possession YES NO
- Driving a CMV without the proper class of CDL and/or endorsements for a specific vehicle group being operated or for the passengers or type of cargo being transported YES NO
- Violating a State or local law or ordinance on motor vehicle traffic control prohibiting texting while driving YES NO
- Violating a State or local law or ordinance on motor vehicle traffic control restricting or prohibiting the use of a hand held mobile telephone while driving YES NO

Have you had any conviction for a violation of military, state or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control (other than parking violation) arising in connection with any traffic accident and have no record of an accident in which you were at fault? YES NO

CERTIFICATION OF DRIVING EXPERIENCE

- Have you been regularly employed or were you regularly employed within the past year (12 months) in a military position requiring the operation of a military motor vehicle that was representative of a commercial motor vehicle (CMV)?..... YES NO
- Were you exempted from the CDL licensing requirements for driving a military vehicle on state roads and highways in accordance with 49 CFR §383.3 (c)? YES NO
- Have you operated a military motor vehicle representative of the commercial motor vehicle (CMV) that you operate or expect to operate, for at least the 2 years immediately preceding discharge from the military? YES NO

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE	DATE
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COMMANDING OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION OF COMMERCIAL DRIVING EXPERIENCE

COMMANDING OFFICER'S NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)		TELEPHONE NUMBER	
STREET ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTY
SERVICE MEMBER'S DATE OF QUALIFICATION:	FROM	TO	
SERVICE MEMBER'S NAME			EXPIRATION DATE (US Gov't Motor Vehicle Operator Identification Card / License)

Circle the highest class of vehicles the service member has been driving:

Class	Vehicle Description	EXAMPLE OF VEHICLES IN GROUP
A	<p>* 5th WHEEL - Truck Tractor/Semitrailer</p> <p>Any combination of vehicles with a GCWR of 26,001 or more pounds provided the GVWR of the vehicle(s) being towed is in excess of 10,000 pounds.</p>	
A	<p>* PINTLE HOOK - Truck Trailer Combination</p> <p>Any combination of vehicles with a GCWR of 26,001 or more pounds provided the GVWR of the vehicle(s) being towed is in excess of 10,000 pounds.</p>	
B	<p>Any single vehicle with a GVWR of 26,001 or more pounds or any such vehicle towing a vehicle not in excess of 10,000 pounds GVWR.</p>	

The vehicle the service member operates **is** equipped with a **full air brake system**: YES NO

The vehicle the service member operates **is** equipped with an **air-over-hydraulic** braking system: YES NO

The transmission in the vehicle the service member operates is: AUTOMATIC MANUAL

I certify that the service member named on the front of this document is/was assigned in a job/assignment requiring the operation of a commercial motor vehicle, the service member's driving experience has been verified; and the information provided herein is true and correct to my knowledge, information and belief. I also certify that I am an officer of the Armed Forces with the authority to administer oaths; and who has the general powers of a notary public.

PRINT COMMANDING OFFICER'S NAME/RANK	DATE
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SIGNATURE	DATE
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Authority of Article 136, Uniform Code of Military Justice or 10 U.S.C. 1044a