



South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles

Information Sheet

Requirements for Obtaining Hazardous Material Endorsements

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Only US citizens and lawful permanent residents of the US are eligible to apply for a CDL with a Hazardous Material Endorsement (HME or X endorsement). Commercial drivers must submit to a background records check and submit fingerprints to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for authorization to transport hazardous material. This process is in accordance with the USA PATRIOT Act (Public Law 107-56 enacted by Congress on October 25, 2001). The SC Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV) will not **issue a first-time HME** to a CDL holder; or **renew** any CDL HME unless the driver submits fingerprints and obtains a TSA security clearance.

If you are a current CDL holder applying for a first-time HME or X endorsement, you must first complete Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT). To be exempted from the ELDT requirement, you must have previously held a valid HME or X endorsement on or prior to February 7, 2022.

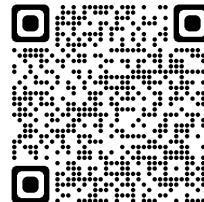
All HME applicants must go to one of TSA's Universal Enrollment Center (UEC) to have fingerprints and biographical information collected for a security threat assessment. TSA authorized *Identogo* to collect fingerprints, biographical information, and the security threat assessment fee of \$86.50. *This cost does not include the SCDMV application, license, and knowledge test fees for the SC CDL itself.*

A. First steps you must take to obtain or renew an SC CDL with HME (not necessarily in this order):

1. Pass the hazardous material knowledge test in any SCDMV office.
 - a) Complete an *Application for a Commercial Driver's License* (SCDMV form 447-CDL) and submit it to any SCDMV office.
 - b) Pay the SCDMV a **\$15.00 application fee** plus a **\$2.00 fee** to take the **HAZMAT knowledge test**.
2. Pre-enroll online or by phone **BEFORE** visiting a Universal Enrollment Center to apply for a security threat assessment. This process includes scheduling an appointment. The website is <https://universalenroll.dhs.gov/#hme-home> and the phone number is **1-855-347-8371**.
3. Take acceptable identity documents and payment of \$86.50 with you to one of the Universal Enrollment Centers to complete the security threat assessment process and have your fingerprints recorded.
 - a) A list of TSA's acceptable enrollment documents is provided on their website at <https://universalenroll.dhs.gov/workflows?servicecode=111168&service=required-docs> or http://www.tsa.gov/sites/default/files/twic-hazmat_factsheet_072915.pdf
 - b) Prices and acceptable payment methods are subject to change. For the most current information regarding *Identogo*'s payment policy, contact *Identogo*.

Use this QR code to access the most current information regarding locations, directions, and hours of operations for *Identogo*, as well as to find other Universal Enrollment Centers located across the country.

You can also visit this website: <https://universalenroll.dhs.gov/locator?serviceCode=111168>



After you receive a notification letter from TSA or SCDMV of your security threat assessment results, take the letter and \$30 (\$15 application fee and \$15 license fee) to any SCDMV office to be issued a five year commercial driver's license.

1. If you passed the security threat assessment and HAZMAT knowledge test, SCDMV will issue you a credential with an H or X endorsement.
2. If you failed the security threat assessment and/or HAZMAT knowledge test, SCDMV will only be able to issue you a CDL without an H or X endorsement.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Depending on the CDL's expiration date, you may have to surrender your current hazardous materials endorsement during the Security Threat Assessment period until you receive approval from the Transportation Security Administration.

For additional information, please reference these websites: <https://universalenroll.dhs.gov/programs/hme> and <https://dmv.sc.gov>