



# South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles

## CDL Waiver Application for Military Personnel

**DL-408A**  
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### APPLICANT INFORMATION

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

### DRIVER RECORD CERTIFICATION

**A. During the 2-year period immediately preceding this date:**

1. Have you had more than one license (except for a military license)? ☐ YES ☐ NO

2. Has your license been suspended, revoked, cancelled or disqualified in this or any state? ☐ YES ☐ NO

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

1. Being under the influence of alcohol as prescribed by state law..... ☐ YES ☐ NO

2. Being under the influence of a controlled substance..... ☐ YES ☐ NO

3. Having an alcohol concentration of 0.04 or greater while operating a CMV..... ☐ YES ☐ NO

4. 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

5. Leaving the scene of an accident..... ☐ YES ☐ NO

6. Using a vehicle to commit a felony (other than manufacturing, distributing or dispensing a controlled substance) ..... ☐ YES ☐ NO

7. Driving a CMV while your CDL is revoked, suspended, cancelled; or you are disqualified from operating a CMV..... ☐ YES ☐ NO

8. Causing a fatality through the negligent operation of a CMV (including motor vehicle manslaughter, homicide by motor vehicle, or negligent homicide)..... ☐ YES ☐ NO

9. Using a vehicle in the commission of a felony involving manufacturing, distributing, or dispensing a controlled substance... ☐ YES ☐ NO

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

1.Speeding in excess of 15 mph or more above the posted speed limit..... ☐ YES ☐ NO

2. 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

3.Making improper or erratic lane changes..... ☐ YES ☐ NO

4.Following the vehicle ahead too closely..... ☐ YES ☐ NO

5. 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

6.Driving a CMV without obtaining a CDL..... ☐ YES ☐ NO

7.Driving a CMV without a CDL in the driver's possession..... ☐ YES ☐ NO

8. 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

9.Violating a State or local law or ordinance on motor vehicle traffic control prohibiting texting while driving..... ☐ YES ☐ NO

10. 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

**D. 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 Section 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 or the date of application? ..... ☐ 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. I understand that any misrepresentation of the answers above will lead to immediate cancellation of my CDL driving privileges.***

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE	DATE
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## Certification of Commercial Driving Experience

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**STEP 1** This page is to be completed by a Commanding Officer (CO) with a pay grade of **O-4 or above** (please print)

COMMANDING OFFICER'S NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)		PAY GRADE	TELEPHONE NUMBER (required)
MAILING ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTY
COMMANDING OFFICER'S EMAIL ADDRESS (required)		APPLICANT'S NAME	

**STEP 2** **CIRCLE the highest class** of vehicles the service member has been driving and answer the three questions

Class	Vehicle Description	EXAMPLE OF VEHICLES IN GROUP
<b>A</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> WHEEL - Truck Tractor/Semitrailer</b> 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.	
<b>A</b>	<b>PINTLE HOOK - Truck Trailer Combination</b> 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.	
<b>B</b>	Any single vehicle with a GVWR of 26,001 or more pounds or any such vehicle towing a vehicle <b>not</b> in excess of 10,000 pounds GVWR.	

1. The service member operates vehicles equipped with a **full air brake system**:  
..... ☐ YES ☐ NO
2. The service member operates vehicles equipped with an **air-over-hydraulic** braking system: ..... ☐ YES ☐ NO
3. The service member operates vehicles with this type of transmission: ..... ☐ AUTOMATIC ☐ MANUAL

**STEP 3** Complete this section if the service member has an MOS/AFSC rating to qualify for the **EVEN EXCHANGE CDL WAIVER**

The Commanding Officer is to **CIRCLE ONE** after verifying the service member's MOS/AFSC rating.



88M / 14T / 92F



2T1 / 2F0 / 3E2



3531



EO

US Government Motor Vehicle Operator Identification Card / License	BEGINNING DATE of QUALIFICATION	EXPIRATION DATE	CDL CLASS EQUIVALENT	ENDORSEMENTS
1. The service member is qualified to operate a passenger vehicle (P) designed to transport 16+ passengers..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
2. The service member is qualified to operate a <b>tank vehicle (N)</b> designed to transport 1000 gallons or more of liquid or gaseous material..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
3. The service member is qualified to operate a vehicle carrying Hazardous Materials (H): (*Valid TSA approval is required)..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				

**STEP 4** Complete this section if the service member does not have one of the above MOS/AFSC ratings but has the experience to qualify for a **CDL SKILLS TEST WAIVER**

Applicant's Date of Driving Experience:	FROM	TO
During the 2-year period immediately preceding this application date (if still on active duty), or their military discharge date, did the service member operate this type of commercial motor vehicle for 3,000 miles or more?..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		

<b>STEP 5</b> COMMANDING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE	DATE
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Authority of Article 136, Uniform Code of Military Justice or 10 U.S.C. 1044A



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### Information Sheet

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While other states or jurisdictions provide similar versions of this application, the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV) only recognizes Form DL-408A as an application for waiver of Commercial Driver's License (CDL) requirements. This form may only be completed by a service member currently on active status or within 12 months of discharge date whose military duties required the operation of a military motor vehicle equivalent to a Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV). Form DL-408A must be completed and signed by the service member and his or her Commanding Officer (pay grade O-4 or above) and is valid for 90 days from the Commanding Officer's (CO) date of signature.

**A qualified military service member** may complete this application for one of two waivers described below. This program applies to the issuance of an **initial CDL only** and cannot be used for upgrades or restriction changes.

- I. Apply for a CDL even exchange waiver of the knowledge and CDL skills tests based on your military duty rating and your military commercial motor vehicle (CMV) training and experience. You must possess one of the following MOS/AFSC ratings: 88M, 14T, 92F; 2T1, 2F0, 3E2; 3531; or EO, and your CO must complete Step 3 of Form DL-408A. If your application is approved, you will not have to take the knowledge or CDL skills test. You must meet all the other CDL licensing requirements, and pay applicable fees before a CDL can be issued. **This skills test waiver program does not apply to endorsements.**
- II. Apply for a CDL skills test waiver based on your military CMV experience. You must have operated a military equivalent of a CMV for 3,000 miles or more during the 2-year period immediately preceding the date of application (if still on active duty), or from your military discharge date, but are not required to have possessed one of the specified MOS/AFSC ratings. Your CO must complete Step 4 of Form DL-408A and if your application is approved, you will not have to take the CDL skills test. You must pass the CDL knowledge test and meet all the other CDL licensing requirements, and pay applicable fees before a CDL can be issued.

**A. Requirements that must be met before the SCDMV can consider issuing you a waiver.**

1. You must hold a valid South Carolina driver's license.
2. You must provide a photocopy of your **valid military** driver's license.
3. You and your Commanding Officer (pay grade O-4) must complete and sign the *CDL Waiver Application for Military Personnel* (SCDMV Form DL-408A).
  - a) Step 2, on the second page, must be completed by the CO before proceeding to step 3.
  - b) Step 3 should only be completed by the CO if the service member has one of the MOS/AFSC ratings provided. Skip to step 4 if he or she does not have one of those ratings.
  - c) Step 4 should only be completed if the service member does not possess one of the specified MOS/AFSC ratings listed for Step 3.
4. You must provide a copy of your Active Duty/Reservist Military ID Card or discharge document (DD-214, WD-AGO, DD-256, or NGB-22) that shows your characterization of service (dishonorable discharge does not qualify).

**B. Submit your completed and signed application, and military ID card or discharge document using one of the following:**

1. Scan the documents and then email them to: [CDLHelpDesk@dmv.sc.gov](mailto:CDLHelpDesk@dmv.sc.gov)
2. Fax the documents to the CDL Help Desk at: (803) 896-2676
3. Mail the documents to: SCDMV – CDL Help Desk; PO Box 1498; Blythewood, SC 29016-0028

**C. You will be notified by mail once your application is processed. If your application is approved, you must first meet all other requirements for the classification of commercial license you are seeking before the CDL can be issued, such as:**

1. Complete additional DMV forms required for a CDL.
2. Declare the type of commerce in which you intend to operate.
3. Provide a DOT Medical Examiner's Certificate, if applicable.
4. If applicable, pass CDL knowledge tests.
5. Pass the vision screening administered in a DMV branch office or the CDL vision examination administered by a licensed eye care professional. Refer to the [Certificate of Vision Examination Instruction Sheet](#) (DMV Form 412-IS) on the SCDMV website: [dmv.sc.gov](http://dmv.sc.gov).
6. Pay all applicable DMV fees.

If you do not meet all of the requirements listed on this document or if it cannot be verified, you will be required to pass the CDL knowledge and skills tests in addition to the items listed above to get a CDL.

**D. Contact the CDL Help Desk by phone (803) 896-2673 or email [CDLHelpDesk@dmv.sc.gov](mailto:CDLHelpDesk@dmv.sc.gov) if you have any questions regarding this process.**