

Additional Requirements to get a Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) or Commercial Driver's License (CDL) in South Carolina	Initial CLP	Commercial Driver's License Transactions			
		Initial CDL	Transferring	Renewing	Upgrading
1 If you do not already have an SC-issued base license, provide proof of address (two for a REAL ID), identity/citizenship, and SSN. Reference SCDMV Form MV-93 for a list of acceptable documents.		YES	YES		
2 Complete Application for a Commercial Driver's License or Learner's Permit (SCDMV Form 447-CDL).	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
a) Provide Automobile liability insurance information (SC Code Section 56-1-80(C) from a company licensed to do business in SC.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
b) Certify that you have read and understand, and meet the qualification requirements under 49 CFR, Part 391 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
3 Complete CDL Holders Medical Certification (SCDMV Form DL-405A) to self-certify the type of commerce for which you intend to operate. You must also provide a valid medical certification for any type of commerce that requires it. The SCDMV will collect the driver's certification information and add it to the national Commercial Driver License Information System (CDLIS) record. <i>All commercial driver's license and learner's permit holders must be self-certified or risk losing his or her driving privilege to operate a commercial motor vehicle. Commercial driver's license and learner's permit holders must comply each time they apply for a new credential, renew or upgrade their credential.</i>	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
4 If required, show your valid DOT Medical Certificate or pocket card of the Medical Certificate to meet the requirement of providing proof that you are medically qualified pursuant to Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulation 49 CFR, part 391. <i>You must maintain a valid medical Examiner's Certificate to obtain and/or retain a commercial learner's permit or commercial driver's license if the type of commerce you intend to operate requires it.</i>	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
5 Complete Affidavit of Previous Driver's License (SCDMV form DL-402) and provide information regarding any previous out-of-state drivers' licenses and disqualifying offenses. <i>You must repeat this process whenever you upgrade or downgrade your commercial license endorsement or class.</i>	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
6 Pass a vision test in an SCDMV branch office, or provide a Certificate of Vision Examination (SCDMV Form 412-IS,) for a CDL. It must be dated within the past 12 months and be completed by a licensed eye care professional. SC-licensed eye care professionals must submit the Certificate of Vision Examination through SCDMV's online portal.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
7    a) Pay \$25.00 for 8-year license, and \$15.00 application fee.		YES	YES	YES	YES
b) Pay \$2.50 for 1-year permit, and \$15.00 application fee	YES				
8 Pass applicable knowledge tests and pay \$2.00 for each test. (See #9 below for HAZMAT endorsement knowledge test requirement)	YES				YES
9 CDL holders with hazardous materials (Hazmat) endorsement must also pass the hazardous materials knowledge test to maintain the endorsement, and complete TSA fingerprinting and background check. Fees: 5-year Hazmat license (\$15.00); application fee (\$15.00); each knowledge test (\$2.00). View the Requirements for Obtaining a Hazardous Material Endorsement (SCDMV Information Sheet DL-400 (IS)).			YES	YES	YES
10 Pass the skills test, which includes the vehicle inspection, basic skills and on-road driving.		YES			YES
11 When you apply for a commercial driver's license, the SCDMV will run automatic checks against the Problem Driver Pointer System (PDPS) and the Commercial Driver License Information System (CDLIS) databases to check your prior driving history in other states. The checks are performed when a customer applies for an original credential, renews a credential, is reexamined or moves from a learner's permit to a license. They are designed to insure drivers have only one valid license at a time.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
<p><b>ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING REQUIREMENT</b></p> <p>FMCSA's Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT) regulations set the baseline for training requirements for entry-level drivers. This includes those applying to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Obtain a Class A or Class B CDL for the first time;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade an existing Class B CDL to a Class A CDL; or</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Obtain a school bus (S), passenger (P), or hazardous materials (H) endorsement for the first time.</li> </ul> <p>The ELDT regulations are not retroactive; the entry-level driver training requirements do not apply to individuals holding a valid CDL or an S, P, or H endorsement issued prior to February 7, 2022.</p> <p>If an applicant who obtains a CLP prior to February 7, 2022, obtains a CDL before the CLP or renewed CLP expires, the applicant is not subject to the ELDT requirements.</p> <p>Any individual who meets one of the exceptions for taking a skills test in 49 CFR Part 383 is also exempt from the ELDT requirements.</p> <p>For more information about the ELDT regulations and the Training Provider registry, visit <a href="https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov">https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov</a>.</p>					