

Motor Carrier Connection



Spring 2025 Newsletter for Motor Carriers from the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles.

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Upcoming Dates:

April 1 - 30, 2025: 1st Quarter 2025 IFTA Tax Returns due

April 16, 2025: New Entrant Safety Audit & MCS Software Workshop in Conway

Best Practices: Commercial Insurance Requirements for Apportionable Vehicles

All South Carolina-based registrants must maintain commercial liability insurance coverage on all vehicles bearing a South Carolina apportioned license plate. Insurance certifications submitted to SCDMV must contain the following to be accepted: the insurance company name, policy number, policy effective dates, and the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). Commercial fleet insurance is also accepted. If an insurance certificate is submitted to SCDMV without any of the above elements, it will not be accepted.

New Entrant Safety Audit Workshop

SCDMV will be partnering with the S.C. Department of Public Safety to host an informational workshop in Conway on April 16, 2025. In this workshop, we will be discussing safety inspections, roadside stops, New Entrant Safety Audit, SCDMV Motor Carrier transactions, and new IRP/IFTA accounts. For more information about the workshop, [click here](#) to view the flyer announcement.

Electronic Vehicle Registration for Commercial Motor Vehicles

The SCDMV has issued a clarification on the registration and titling options for those buying a Commercial Motor Vehicle. Recent changes in S.C. law require all dealers to participate in Electronic Vehicle Registration (EVR) and process transactions through a Quality Assurance process. This change has impacted the process for how some commercial motor vehicles are handled. We want to clarify the registration and titling options available to you when purchasing a CMV for interstate commerce using an IRP account. Our goal is to ensure you have the information you need to make the best decision based on your situation. Please see this [document to understand your options](#) when registering and titling the commercial vehicle.

Medical Certificates to be Accepted Electronically

This summer, an FMCSA rule change requires the SCDMV (and all other states) to begin accepting medical certificate information electronically versus on paper. Currently, the SCDMV will start accepting electronic medical certificates at the end of April, however the final rule, known as "NRII," takes effect nationwide on June 23, 2025.

Any medical certificates/examinations issued or occurring on or after June 23, 2025, will be subject to the rule mandating the electronic submission of the medical information. The SCDMV will not accept paper medical certificates issued on or after June 23.

The SCDMV will continue to accept paper medical certificates issued before June 23, 2025, until their expiration dates.

Providers must be registered with the FMCSA to upload medical information. If you are not yet registered, please do so at your earliest convenience here: [FMCSA National Registry](#). FMCSA will also post more information at the link titled "NRII Learning Center" in the coming weeks.

CDL Third-Party Testing Reminder

The deadline for all third-party CDL testers to convert to the modernized exam is June 30, 2025. By this date, all third-party testers must be certified to perform the modernized skills test to continue testing. Your site must be converted to the new pad, and your examiners must have up-to-date training. We encourage all third-party testers to convert your site to modernized test early, as we cannot guarantee training spots for testers and examiners who wait until the final month to convert.

Please contact CDLCompliance@scdmv.net or 803-896-9606 with questions.

Third-Party Tester Body Camera Rollout

We are excited to announce the upcoming rollout of SCDMV Body Cameras to complement our modernized testing program, made possible through the FMCSA Commercial Driver's License Program Implementation Grant. Starting this spring, all third-party CDL examiners in South Carolina will be receiving body cameras to be worn while administering each portion of the CDL exam, as well as tablets to digitally record each exam — eliminating the need for paper documentation.

These upgrades and modernization efforts are designed to support examiners by ensuring consistent, transparent, and efficient testing processes while also aligning with industry best practices. In the coming days and weeks, we will be reaching out to many of you to share additional details on equipment distribution, training, and implementation. We appreciate your partnership and commitment to helping South Carolina achieve our shared goal of having the most well-trained and skilled commercial drivers in the country and we look forward to working together on this important initiative.

If you have any questions or would like priority scheduling for your organization's deployment, please contact CDLCompliance@scdmv.net or 803-896-9606.