What to bring with you when applying for a Texas Commercial Driver License or Texas Commercial Learners Permit

This document will assist you in applying for a Texas Commercial Driver License (CDL) if you currently hold a Texas driver license. To be issued a CDL, you must first obtain a Commercial Learner Permit (CLP), you must bring the following documentation to your local driver license office:

1. Application for a Texas Commercial Driver License
2. Proof of Identity
3. Proof of U.S. Citizenship or Evidence of Lawful Presence
4. Provide Social Security Number
5. Proof of Self-Certification (CDL-4, CDL-5, or CDL-10)
6. Valid Medical Examiner's Certificate (if required)
7. Issuance Fee

This checklist will help you identify what documents in each section you will need to bring to your local driver license office so that you may apply for a CLP or CDL. Follow the directions listed for each section, and check the appropriate document(s) you have that you can bring with you.

Upon completing all sections, gather the documents you have checked and visit your local driver license office to begin the application process. All driver license officer services require an appointment. Visit http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/ to review important information and to schedule your apportionment.

Section 1. Proof of Identity

A. Acceptable Identification Document List. Documents must be **original** or a **copy certified** by the issuing agency. No photocopies are accepted.

Check one document you have from this section. This will be your proof of identity.

- ☐ Texas DL or ID within two years of expiration
- ☐ US Citizenship Certificate or Certificate of Naturalization with identifiable photo (N-550, N-560, N-561, N-570, or N-578)
- ☐ Foreign passport, visa* (valid or expired), and I-94
- ☐ Unexpired US passport book or passport card
- ☐ Unexpired US military photo ID card for active duty, reserve, or retired personnel

Unexpired Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) photo ID. Examples include:

- ☐ US citizen Identification card (I-179 or I-197)
- ☐ Machine-Readable Immigrant Visa (MRIV) with temporary I-551 language and Alien Documentation, Identification and Telecommunications System (ADIT) stamp
- ☐ I-94 stamped "Sec. 208 Asylee" with photo
- ☐ Valid refugee travel letter with photo and stamped by US Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
- ☐ American Indian card (I-872)
- ☐ Permanent Resident card (I-551)
- ☐ Employment Authorization card "EAD" (I-766)
- ☐ Advance parole document with photo (I-512 or I-512L)
- ☐ I-94 stamped "Sec. 207 Refugee" with photo
- ☐ Northern Mariana card (I-873)

- ☐ A birth certificate or birth record issued by the appropriate State Bureau of Vital Statistics or equivalent agency from a US state or local government, a US territory, the District of Columbia, or a Canadian province
- ☐ For U.S. citizens born abroad, a certificate of Report of Birth (DS-1350 or FS-545) or Consular Report of Birth (FS-240) issued by the U.S. Department of State
- ☐ A court order with name and date of birth indicating an official change of name and/or gender from a US state, a US territory, the District of Columbia, or a Canadian province

- ☐ Temporary receipt for a Texas DL or ID (actual receipt)
- ☐ DL or ID issued by another US state, US territory, District of Columbia, or Canadian province (unexpired or within two years of the expiration date – actual card)*
- ☐ Pilot's license (actual card)*
- ☐ Unexpired US military dependent ID card (actual card)
- ☐ Veteran's ID or Health Identification card "VHIC" (actual card)
- ☐ Voter registration card (actual card)*
- ☐ W-2 or 1099 form
- ☐ Current Texas motor vehicle registration or title (TRC 521.144)
- ☐ ID card issued by government agency*
- ☐ Hospital-issued birth record*
- ☐ Immunization records*
- ☐ A valid Consular document issued by a state or national government
- ☐ Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) parole or mandatory release certificate
- ☐ Federal inmate ID card
- ☐ Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB)
- ☐ Expired Texas DL or ID (expired more than two years—actual card)
- ☐ Original or certified copy of a marriage certificate or divorce decree (US jurisdiction or foreign jurisdiction-if not in English, a certified translation must accompany it)
- ☐ Concealed handgun license or License to Carry (actual card)*
- ☐ Professional license issued by Texas state agency
- ☐ School records (e.g. report cards, photo ID cards, etc.)*
- ☐ Military records (e.g., Form DD-214)
- ☐ Selective Service card (actual card)
- ☐ Any insurance policy (valid continuously for the past two years)
- ☐ Current Texas boat registration or title
- ☐ Medicare or Medicaid card (actual card)
- ☐ Unexpired foreign passport
- ☐ Tribal membership card from a federally recognized tribe
- ☐ Texas inmate ID card or similar form of ID issued by TDCJ
- ☐ Federal parole or release certificate
- ☐ Social Security card (actual card)

*Document must be issued by an institution, entity or government agency from a US state, a US territory, the District of Columbia, or a Canadian province.

Section 2. Proof of U.S. Citizenship or Lawful Presence

If you are a United States Citizen and have already presented this documentation to the Department, you may skip this section and proceed to Section 3. If you have a Limited-Term Texas driver license, you will be required to present updated evidence of lawful presence. Most documents will be verified through the US Department of Homeland Security's SAVE Program. Verification through SAVE is often instantaneous, but when it is not, receipt of the DL/ID may be delayed for up to 30 days.

Check one document you have from this list that contains your full legal name. This will be your proof of U.S. Citizenship or Lawful Presence in the United States.

- ☐ Birth certificate or birth record issued by the appropriate State Bureau of Vital Statistics or equivalent agency from a US state or local government, a US territory, or the District of Columbia
- ☐ US Passport Book or Passport card
- ☐ Permanent Resident card (I-551)
- ☐ I-94 stamped "Sec. 208 Asylee" or "Sec. 207 Refugee"
- ☐ Employment Authorization Card "EAD" (I-766)
- ☐ US Department of State Certificate of Birth Abroad issued to US citizens born abroad (Form FS-240, DS-1350, or FS-545)
- ☐ Machine Readable Immigrant Visa with temporary I-551 language and ADIT stamp
- ☐ I-20 Non-immigrant students (F-1)
- ☐ Non-student documents with alien number or I-94 number
- ☐ US Citizen Identification card (I-179 or I-197)
- ☐ I-94
- ☐ US Travel Document (I-327 or I-571)
- ☐ I-551 stamp in foreign passport
- ☐ US Citizenship Certificate or Certificate of Naturalization (N-550, N-560, N-561, N-570, or N-578)
- ☐ Student documents with Student Exchange and Visitor Information System (SEVIS) number
- ☐ DS-2019 Exchange Visitor (J-1) certificate

Section 3. Provide Social Security Number

You must provide your social security number. If the number is not already part of your driver record, the Department will verify the SSN number electronically with the Social Security Administration (SSA).

Section 4. Proof of Self-Certification of Medical Status

You will be required to self-certify to one of the following forms and/or sections. Depending upon which you certify to, you may need to present a valid medical examiner's certificate.

Check one document you have from this list. This will be your self-certification of medical status.

- ☐ CDL-4 Interstate Driver Certification (Medical Examiner's Certificate is required)
- ☐ CDL-5 Section A Part A. Intrastate Driver Certification (Medical Examiner's Certificate is NOT required)
- ☐ CDL-5 Section A Part B. Intrastate Driver Certification (Medical Examiner's Certificate is required)
- ☐ CDL-5 Section B. Intrastate Driver Certification (Medical Examiner's Certificate is required)
- ☐ CDL-5 Section C. Intrastate Driver Certification (Medical Examiner's Certificate is NOT required)
- ☐ CDL-10 Interstate Certification of Physical Exemption (Medical Examiner's Certificate is NOT required)

Upon completing all sections, gather the documents you have checked and bring them to your local driver license office to begin the issuance process. Once you have been issued a CLP and have held it for a minimum of 14 days, you may return to complete the driving test for the issuance of your CDL. To schedule your driving exam, please visit www.txdpsscheduler.com.