

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

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. Proof of 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. 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. If you would like to get in-line at your local driver license office prior to your arrival, simply go to our website and check in (not available at all locations):

<http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/>

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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Texas DL or ID within two years of expiration | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexpired US passport book or passport card |
| <input type="checkbox"/> US Citizenship Certificate or Certificate of Naturalization with identifiable photo (N-550, N-560, N-561, N-570, or N-578) | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexpired US military photo ID card for active duty, reserve, or retired personnel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign passport, visa* (valid or expired), and I-94 | |
- Unexpired Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) photo ID. Examples include:
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| <input type="checkbox"/> US citizen Identification card (I-179 or I-197) | <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Resident card (I-551) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Machine-Readable Immigrant Visa (MRIV) with temporary I-551 language and Alien Documentation, Identification and Telecommunications System (ADIT) stamp | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment Authorization card "EAD" (I-766) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I-94 stamped "Sec. 208 Asylee" with photo | <input type="checkbox"/> Advance parole document with photo (I-512 or I-512L) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Valid refugee travel letter with photo and stamped by US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) | <input type="checkbox"/> I-94 stamped "Sec. 207 Refugee" with photo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian card (I-872) | <input type="checkbox"/> 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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary receipt for a Texas DL or ID (actual receipt) | <input type="checkbox"/> Expired Texas DL or ID (expired more than two years—actual card) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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)* | <input type="checkbox"/> 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) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pilot's license (actual card)* | <input type="checkbox"/> Concealed handgun license or License to Carry (actual card)* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unexpired US military dependent ID card (actual card) | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional license issued by Texas state agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran's ID or Health Identification card "VHIC" (actual card) | <input type="checkbox"/> School records (e.g. report cards, photo ID cards, etc.)* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Voter registration card (actual card)* | <input type="checkbox"/> Military records (e.g., Form DD-214) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> W-2 or 1099 form | <input type="checkbox"/> Selective Service card (actual card) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current Texas motor vehicle registration or title (TRC 521.144) | <input type="checkbox"/> Any insurance policy (valid continuously for the past two years) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ID card issued by government agency* | <input type="checkbox"/> Current Texas boat registration or title |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital-issued birth record* | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicare or Medicaid card (actual card) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Immunization records* | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexpired foreign passport |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A valid Consular document issued by a state or national government | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal membership card from a federally recognized tribe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) parole or mandatory release certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Texas inmate ID card or similar form of ID issued by TDCJ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Federal inmate ID card | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal parole or release certificate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) | <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 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 | <input type="checkbox"/> US Citizen Identification card (I-179 or I-197) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> US Passport Book or Passport card | <input type="checkbox"/> I-94 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Resident card (I-551) | <input type="checkbox"/> US Travel Document (I-327 or I-571) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I-94 stamped "Sec. 208 Asylee" or "Sec. 207 Refugee" | <input type="checkbox"/> I-551 stamp in foreign passport |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment Authorization Card "EAD" (I-766) | <input type="checkbox"/> US Citizenship Certificate or Certificate of Naturalization (N-550, N-560, N-561, N-570, or N-578) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> US Department of State Certificate of Birth Abroad issued to US citizens born abroad (Form FS-240, DS-1350, or FS-545) | <input type="checkbox"/> Student documents with Student Exchange and Visitor Information System (SEVIS) number |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Machine Readable Immigrant Visa with temporary I-551 language and ADIT stamp | <input type="checkbox"/> DS-2019 Exchange Visitor (J-1) certificate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I-20 Non-immigrant students (F-1) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-student documents with alien number or I-94 number | |

Section 3. Proof of Social Security Number

You will be asked to confirm your social security number. If the number is not already a part of your driver record, then you must provide documents to verify your social security number.

Check one document you have from this list. This will be your proof of social security.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Card | <input type="checkbox"/> W-2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SSA-1099 Form | <input type="checkbox"/> A non-SSA-1099 Form |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paystub containing your legal name and social security number | |

If you cannot provide one of the documents listed above, you must provide one of the following provided it contains your pre-printed social security number:

- Military identification (active, reserve, and dependent status)
- Certificate of release or Discharge of Active Duty (DD-214)
- Certified college/university transcript designating number as SSN
- Health insurance card with Social Security Number
- Veteran's Administration card with Social Security Number
- Pilot's License with Social Security Number

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.