

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

CDL Military Waiver

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on CDL Military Waiver s.343 a proposed guidance document.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Comments may be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 21 days by:

1. Department's website:

<https://appengine.egov.com/apps/wi/dot/guidance-docs?guidDocId=DMV22>

2. Mailing written comments to:

Division of Motor Vehicles
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
4822 Madison Yards Way
PO Box 7336
Madison, WI 53707-7336

WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

The final version of this guidance document will be posted at wisconsindot.gov to allow for ongoing comment.

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Military skills test waiver program

If you have a military license issued by any military facility that allows you to operate a military commercial vehicle, there is the possibility that you can use it to obtain a Wisconsin CDL. This process allows you to obtain a CDL by waiving the skills test due to your experience and training with these vehicles in the military. To qualify for the skills test waiver program:

- You must still pass the commercial knowledge testing required to operate the requested commercial vehicles. Download the [CDL practice test mobile app](#).
- You must be a Wisconsin resident to be eligible for this waiver.

This waiver does not cover the Hazardous Materials or School Bus endorsements.

- This waiver is ONLY available to current and former (within one year after separation/retirement) members of the military service, including Reserve and National Guard units.

Military knowledge and skills test waiver "Even Exchange" program

If you have been regularly employed in a qualifying Military Occupation Specialty (MOS) and have a military license issued by any military facility that allows you to operate a military commercial vehicle, there is the possibility that you can use it to evenly exchange for a Wisconsin CDL. This process allows you to obtain a CDL by waiving the knowledge testing and skills testing requirements due to your experience and training with these vehicles in the military. To qualify for the "Even Exchange" program the following applies:

- You must provide evidence and verification on form [MV3588](#) by your commanding officer that you have been regularly employed within the last year in one of the following specified Military Occupational Specialties (MOS):
 - US Army- 88M, 92F, or 14T
 - US Air Force- 2T1, 2F0, or 3E2
 - US Marine Corps- 3531
 - US Navy- EO
- You must be a Wisconsin resident to be eligible for this waiver.
- This waiver does not cover the Hazardous Materials or School Bus Endorsements.
- This waiver is ONLY available to current and former (within one year after separation/retirement) members of the military service, including Reserve and National Guard units..

Military CDL test waiver program - application process

To receive credit for your military experience with commercial vehicles, you must present the following documents at your local Wisconsin DMV Service Center. You can obtain the DMV forms online or at your local DMV Service Center.

- Wisconsin Driver License Application [MV3001](#)
- Military Service CDL Skills Test Waiver Application [MV3588](#) (DMV can only accept the current online version of form MV3588)
 - Complete Section 1 on the MV3588 yourself
 - Section 2 will need to be completed by your Training or Commanding Officer
- Present proof of current or previous military service
 - This can be your DD-214/NGB-22 military discharge papers or current military ID card
- Commercial Driver Certification: Tier of Operation form [MV3230](#)
 - MV3230 is required for all new CDL applicants. It allows you to certify to the Wisconsin DMV where you intend to operate commercially and if any medical exceptions apply to your current or planned type of commercial driving.
 - The type of certification you choose will determine whether you must provide a copy of your Federal Medical Examiner Certificate (Fed Med card) to the DMV.
 - Fed Med cards are required for most types of commercial operation and can be obtained from licensed medical providers throughout the State. The Fed Med card isn't required at the time that you apply for this CDL waiver if you are currently not driving commercially or looking for a job for which a CDL is required.
- [Proof of identity](#), such as your Wisconsin driver license
 - If you have never held a Wisconsin license or ID Card, you will be required to present [proof of citizenship or legal status in the U.S., name/date of birth, identity and Wisconsin](#)

residency.

- Please visit [Obtaining a driver license with a valid out-of-state license](#) for information on these requirements.
- [Proof of Citizenship or Legal Status in the U.S.](#) Effective March 1, 2015, persons applying for a Commercial Driver License (CDL) are required to provide proof of legal status upon original (first time) issuance, renewal, transferring an out-of-state license or when adding or removing a class, endorsement or restriction.

The Biennial Budget contained a provision that requires the Department to waive the issuance, renewal or upgrading fees under s. 343.21(1)(d) and (n) for the commercial driver license and any applicable endorsement when the applicant for a commercial driver license presents a valid military commercial driver license.

All issuance fees are waived for customers who are:

- Transferring their military CDL to a Wisconsin CDL
- Renewing their current CDL
- Upgrading their current CDL

This is only for issuance of the CDL, not for issuance of a Commercial Learner Permit (CLP). Fees may also apply if you are applying for the School Bus (S) or Hazardous Material (H) endorsement.

You must present your valid Military CDL to receive the no-fee product.

Driver Eligibility Unit

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