

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

CDL Tiers

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on CDL Tiers 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=DMV28>

2. Mailing written comments to:

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Wisconsin Department of Transportation
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WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

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

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Military or out-of-state
driver license renewal

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Tiers of operation

Upload your Fed Med
card

Driver license/ID card

Commercial license

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Select a tier

Tier 1

You drive interstate (you or your load crosses state lines) and you need a Fed Med card to drive a commercial vehicle.

Tier 2

You drive interstate (you or your load crosses state lines), and you do not need a Fed Med card to drive a commercial vehicle because of one of the reasons listed below.

- All school bus operations.
- Transportation performed by any political subdivision.
- Transportation of human corpses or sick and injured persons.
- Operation of fire trucks and rescue vehicles while involved in emergency and related operations.
- Operation of vehicles designed or used to transport between 9 and 15 passengers not for direct compensation.
- Transportation of propane winter heating fuel or responding to a pipeline emergency.
- Farm custom operation, custom-harvesting operations, transporting farm machinery, supplies, or both to or from a farm for custom-harvesting operations on a farm, or transport custom-harvested crops to storage or market.
- Operation of a commercial motor vehicle controlled and operated by a beekeeper engaged in the seasonal transportation of bees.
- Operation of private motor carrier of passengers (non-business).
- Occasional transportation of personal property not for compensation or commercial enterprise.

Tier 3

You drive intrastate (you or your load does not cross state lines), and you need a Fed Med card to drive a commercial vehicle.

Tier 4

You drive intrastate (you or your load does not cross state lines), and you do not need a Fed Med card to drive a commercial vehicle because of one of the reasons listed below.

- All reasons in Tier 2 above.
- Plus Wisconsin exceptions as follows:
 - Tow trucks (if requested by a federal, state or local officer to move a wrecked or disabled vehicle)
 - Grandfathered (held valid CDL since July 29, 1996 that has not been revoked)
 - Wisconsin diabetes exemption to the Fed Med card
 - Wisconsin vision exemption to the Fed Med card

If you certify in Tiers 2-4, you may still be required to have a Fed Med card due to state statutes or employer policy. However, you do not have to furnish a copy of the Fed Med card to the DMV outside of a normal trip for a license renewal or replacement.

Driver Eligibility Unit

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