

Additional Requirements to get a CDL in South Carolina	Initial		Transferring from Another State	Renewing a CDL	Upgrading a CDL
	CLP	CDL			
1. Provide two proofs of address, identity/citizenship, and SSN. Reference SCDMV forms MV-93 or MV-94 for a list of acceptable documents.	X		X		
2. Complete Application for a Commercial Driver's License or Learner's Permit (SCDMV Form 447-CDL).	X	X	X	X	X
a) Provide Automobile liability insurance information (SC Code Section 56-1-80(C). from a company licensed to do business in SC.	X	X	X	X	X
b) Certify that you have read and understand, and meet the qualification requirements under 49 CFR, Part 391 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.	X	X	X	X	X
3. Complete CDL Holders Medical Certification (SCDMV form DL-405A) to self-certify the type of commerce for which you intend to operate. You must also provide a valid medical certification for any type of commerce that requires it. The SCDMV will collect the driver's certification information and add it to the national Commercial Driver License Information System (CDLIS) record. <i>All commercial driver's license and learner's permit holders must be self-certified or risk losing his or her driving privilege to operate a commercial motor vehicle. Commercial driver's license and learner's permit holders must comply each time they apply for a new credential, renew or upgrade their credential.</i>	X	X	X	<i>Required only if you haven't done so already or if the type of commerce you intend to operate changed from what the SCDMV has documented.</i>	X
4. If required, show your valid DOT Medical Certificate or pocket card of the Medical Certificate to meet the requirement of providing proof that you are medically qualified pursuant to Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulation 49 CFR, part 391. <i>South Carolina requires that you maintain a valid medical Examiner's Certificate to obtain and/or retain a commercial learner's permit or commercial driver's license. The SCDMV will not accept a medical certificate if it expires within 30 days from the date it is presented.</i>	X	X	X	X	X
5. Complete Affidavit of Previous Driver's License (SCDMV form DL-402) and provide information regarding any previous out-of-state drivers' licenses and disqualifying offenses. <i>You must repeat this process whenever you upgrade or downgrade your commercial license endorsement or class.</i>	X	X	X		X
6. Pay the \$12.50 license fee and \$15.00 application fee.		X	X	X	X
7. Pass a vision test at the counter or provide a Report of Vision Screening (SCDMV form 412-CDL) completed by a licensed eye care professional.	X	X	X	X	X
8. Pass applicable knowledge tests and pay \$2.00 for each test. (See #10 below for HAZMAT endorsement knowledge test requirement)	X				X
9. Pass the road test, which include the pre-trip inspection, basic skills and on-road driving.		X			X
10. Applicants with hazardous materials (Hazmat) endorsement must also pass the hazardous materials knowledge test to maintain the endorsement (each knowledge test is \$2.00) and complete TSA fingerprinting and background check. View the Requirements for Obtaining a Hazardous Material Endorsement (SCDMV Information Sheet DL-400 (IS)).			X	X	X
11. When you apply for a commercial driver's license, SCDMV will run automatic checks against the Problem Driver Pointer System (PDPS) and the Commercial Driver License Information System (CDLIS) databases to check your prior driving history in other states. The checks are performed when a customer applies for an original credential, renews a credential, is reexamined or moves from a learner's permit to a license. They are designed to insure drivers have only one valid license at a time.	X	X	X		