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Welcome to the SCDMV



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Trucking Connection

The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV) is proud to provide information to the commercial trucking industry through the Trucking Connection newsletter.

In this issue, you'll find information on new FMCSA extensions to commercial learner's permits (CLP), the implementation of Act #37 of 2021, the new Motor Carrier Services directorate, and many topics impacting drivers and vehicles involved in this industry.

CLP waiver extended by FMCSA

The FMCSA has extended the waiver allowing CLP holders to bypass the 14-day waiting period between the initial issuance of a CLP and attempting the commercial driver's license (CDL) skills test. This waiver is contingent upon the CLP holder having successfully completed applicable entry level driver training requirements.

The waiver is effective as of September 1, 2022, and expires on November 30, 2022, or upon termination by FMCSA, whichever is sooner.

[Read the waiver in its entirety](#)

Hazmat Waiver from the TSA

Due to a threat assessment backlog at the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), the TSA and FMCSA are allowing the SCDMV to provide an extension to the card expiration dates for CDL holders who have either an "H" or an "X" endorsement. Eligible customers with either of these endorsements and a card expiration date

between July 1, 2022, and December 27, 2022, will be eligible to have the expiration date extended for 180 days.

In order to see if you're eligible, contact the CDL Helpdesk at (803) 896-2673. Those employees will confirm if you're eligible or not and can process your extended expiration date. **However, you must visit an SCDMV branch to obtain the CDL with your new expiration date. No CDLs will be issued via mail.** There is no fee for a CDL with a new expiration date.

Proviso waives fees for qualified service members interested in obtaining a commercial licenses

In the FY23 General Appropriations Act, the Legislature included Proviso 82.14 which directs the SCDMV to waive the application, learner's permit, and driver's license fee, and, when applicable, the knowledge test fee for any applicant who qualifies for commercial learner's permits or commercial driver's licenses under the provisions of 49 CFR Section 383.77.

This proviso was added as a way to encourage qualified service members to consider the trucking industry upon their release from active duty.

If you or someone you know may qualify for this waiver, complete the [CDL Waiver Application for Military Personnel \(SCDMV Form DL-408A\)](#) and follow the instructions to mail or email it to the CDL Helpdesk at the SCDMV.

If approved to participate in the program, you will be notified by the SCDMV and can obtain your license at a branch for free.
the end of the newsletter.

Watermarks on motor vehicle records instead of stamped signatures show authenticity now

Beginning October 12, 2022, customers who order motor vehicle records (MVRs) from the SCDMV will receive an MVR with a watermark of the Great Seal of the State of South Carolina. The watermark indicates that the record is a certified copy of the office department record. This watermark replaces the ink stamp that the SCDMV has used in the past to certify driving records for customers.



OFFICIAL 10 YEAR DRIVER RECORD

Customer No: 34370012 Driver License No: 104877329
 Name: DL TEST, IRMO, REALID
 Address: 1010 BROAD STONE RD
 City: IRMO State: SC Zip: 290639169
 County: RICHLAND Sex: M Driver Training: N
 DOB: 02/20/1970
 Status - DL: SUSPENDED CDL: DISQUALIFIED

Type	Class	Function	Issued	Expires	First Issued	Restr.	Endor.	Document Identifier
Prior								
DL	D	Returned	12/04/2018	02/20/2026	01/24/2018	N	N	N/A
DL	D	Renewal	12/04/2018	02/20/2026	01/24/2018	N	N	4000510102251515256
DL (R)	D	Renewal	02/17/2018	02/20/2026	01/24/2018	N	N	4000510102235768669
DL (R)	D	Returned	02/17/2018	02/20/2026	01/24/2018	N	N	4000620702240636224
DL	D	Original	01/24/2018	02/20/2026	01/24/2018	N	N	N/A

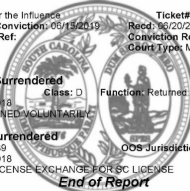
Point Summary
 Total Current Points: 0
 Driver Credit: -0
 Adjusted Current Points: 0

SUSP: 001 - Driving Under the Influence Ticket#: 54654544544
 Special Driving Privilege: NONE
 Suspension Beg: 07/16/2019 Suspension End: 01/16/2020
 Causal: 04/25/2019 Post: 07/01/2019
 Reinstatement Requirements Met: INDEFINITE Reinstatement Fee Paid: N
 ACD: A20 Withdrawal Loc Ref: Conviction Reference: N
 IID Required: N Withdrawal Reason Ref:

VIOL: 499 - Driving Under the Influence Ticket#: 54654544544
 Violation: 04/25/2019 Conviction: 06/15/2019 Recd: 06/20/2019 Post: 07/01/2019
 ACD: A20 Conviction Loc Ref: Conviction Reference: N
 Conviction State: SC Court Type: Magistrate Court

SC Driver License/ID Surrendered Posted: 05/08/2018
 License Type: DL (R) Class: D Function: Returned Issued: 02/17/2018
 Date Surrendered: 05/08/2018 Returning State: SC
 Reason for Return: RETURNED TO QUALIFIED

OOS Driver License Surrendered OOS Jurisdiction: MD Issued: 01/06/2016
 OOS License No: 123456789
 Date Surrendered: 01/24/2018
 Reason for Return: OOS LICENSE EXCHANGE FOR SC LICENSE



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Act #37 of 2021 to be implemented on July 1, 2024

The General Assembly fully funded Act #37 of 2021 in the FY23 General Appropriations Act on July 1, 2022, so there are now effective dates for large portions of the law.

[Read the law in its entirety](#)

The primary changes - offering intrastate commercial motor vehicles to make quarterly installment registration payments - do not take effect until the first day of the fiscal year, 24 months after being fully funded, which is now known as July 1, 2024. There is an existing proviso that directs the agency to pay for the non-recurring (one-time) fees associated with this legislation out of the agency's existing budget. The General Assembly appropriated the rest of the money needed to implement the bill.

In the summer of 2023, registrants of large commercial motor vehicles will receive a notice from the SCDMV that renewal notices received from counties between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024, will be the last one from counties. The notice will state that large CMVs will pay all fees and taxes directly to the SCDMV versus the county in which the vehicle is registered from July 1, 2024, forward.

Additionally, on July 1, 2024, all non-commercial motor vehicles with a property carrying license plate will be required to exchange their current plate for a new plate. The agency is working now to make the new plate available, and you will continued to be updated via this newsletter and at SCDMVOnline.com.

New Motor Carrier Services directorate at the SCDMV

In the FY23 General Appropriations Act, the Legislature funded the creation of a Motor Carrier Services (MCS) directorate at the SCDMV, making it the eighth directorate of the agency.

Executive Director Kevin Shwedo appointed Brian Carlson as the first director on July 1, 2022. Before this role, he served as the Deputy Director of Titles and Registrations in Vehicle Services. As the Director of MCS, he oversees the motor carrier services functional units, consisting of Motor Carrier Processing, Motor Carrier Audit, Change Management & Integration, Motor Carrier Information Center (MCIC), training staff, and will later add the CDL Helpdesk.



“I’m extremely honored and excited to be allowed to lead this team of professionals in assisting one of the State’s most important industries,” Carlson said. “Everything we use in our daily lives is tied to an effective supply chain. Materials only get to us through an effective commercial trucking industry. “We also have a robust commercial bus industry that moves people across the state. This agency plays a critical role in helping these industries move people and material, and I am proud to help,” he said.

The MCS team works closely with state, federal, and industry partners to improve services for this sector and implement modernization efforts with the goal of improving the efficiencies and accuracy of processing the transactions in accordance with applicable rules, regulations, and statutes.

Carlson also serves on the SCDMV Board of Directors and will lead and assist with the strategic development of future SCDMV capabilities and services. Over the next several months, MCS will grow its staff, policies, procedures, and training to ensure consistent communication statewide between the SCDMV and the Commercial Motor Vehicle Industry.

IFTA and IRP training videos for online transactions

International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) Tutorials

[Amend Tax Return](#)

[Additional Decals](#)

[Filing IFTA Tax Return](#)

[IFTA Renewal](#)

International Registration Plan (IRP) Tutorials

IRP Renewal

Replace Cab Card

Replace Plate

Web Processing

Amend Vehicle Without Fees

SCDMV awarded more than \$2 million in grant funding for CMV-related projects

The SCDMV was awarded millions in funding from two separate FMCSA grants. Money will be used to refurbish CDL skills test pads throughout the state, among other initiatives.

Nearly \$27,000 in funding was awarded to advertise the Employer Notification System (ENS) to trucking companies, large and small, as a screening tool made available to employers with fleets of drivers who want to promote safe driving practices and reduce the likelihood of claims due to bad driving habits.

Advertising this service to trucking companies allows trucking companies to take a more proactive role in the management of their fleet's driver safety. This service also allows companies a chance to take corrective measures by offering additional driver safety training to improve safety. By using this real-time service trucking companies can hopefully avoid findings during the annual motor vehicle record (MVR) reviews.

The ENS enables employers to receive notifications about changes in a driver's status. In addition, it enables employers to be notified when adverse information is added to a driver's record. This allows employers to take appropriate action as soon as the driver has been convicted of a moving violation. It gives employers essential information to prevent a suspended, revoked, or cancelled driver from getting behind the wheel. Keeping suspended, revoked, and cancelled drivers off the roads increases highway safety.

The ENS information is also posted on the SCDMV website and through SCDMV's Motor Vehicle Network (MVN) system utilized in all branch offices.

The SCDMV was awarded a high priority grant of a million dollars to upgrade the existing 12- year-old motor carrier system, colloquially referred to by its vendor name, "Celtic."

The new updated system will reduce the time for data to appear in state and federal databases and increase accessibility and availability of commercial motor vehicle (CMV) information for credential administration and roadside enforcement.

The changes will allow the end user to better research both motor carrier attributes on an individual basis through a query process, using the United States Department

of Transportation number (USDOT#) or name. Alerts can be set for proactive resolutions to carrier issues at roadside or during the credentialing process.

A broader range of services will be provided to motor carriers, and they will have the ability to utilize the services through a mobile application, enabling them to access their information via smartphones or tablets. The system would then allow the SCDMV to share data between state agencies and jurisdictions related to all CMVs authorized to operate in the state. Having the ability to receive CMV information from other states via the CMV data warehouse will provide alerts to processing agents and enforcement related to carriers that are attempting to operate under unsafe and unfit conditions, resulting in safer highways.

A consolidated source of safety and credential information will be available for use in administering all motor carrier programs, the issuance of OS/OW permits, roadside enforcement, and electronic screening operations in all jurisdictions.

Finally, some of the grant money will be used in the agency's Examiner Training Unit to provide regional training to CDL third party testers (TPT) throughout the State, negating the need for TPTs to travel to Blythewood to earn their certification.

Examiner Training Unit Schedule

If you are a third-party tester, you may be contacted to complete your initial or refresher examiner training with the agency's Examiner Training Unit (ETU). Below is a current list of CDL third-party training courses.

- **October 3-7, 2022** - Third-Party CDL Original
- **October 31, 2022 - November 4, 2022** - Third-Party CDL Original
- **December 5-9, 2022** - Third-Party CDL Original

All CDL courses are held at SCDMV Headquarters in Blythewood. Classes begin at 9 a.m. on the first day with subsequent class days beginning at 8:30 a.m.

For more information on training, [please email the ETU](#). The agency's standard operating procedure is to offer training courses based on the order in which the agency received the application to become a third-party tester.

Third-Party Tester agreement revision

The SCDMV is currently updating the CDL Third-Party Tester Agreement. You will remain updated as these amendments are finalized and implemented.

All existing CDL Third-Party Testers will be required to sign new agreements with the agency once the amended agreements are finalized.

Reminder: Entry-Level Driver Training requirements in full force

Effective February 7, 2022, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) regulations set the baseline for training requirements for entry-level drivers. ELDT applies to those seeking to:

- Obtain a Class A or Class B CDL for the first time;
- Upgrade an existing Class B CDL to a Class A CDL; or
- Obtain a school bus (S), passenger (P), or hazardous materials (H) endorsement for the first time.

Individuals obtaining a CLP on or after February 7, 2022, are required to complete this training before taking their CDL skills or hazardous materials knowledge test.

Prior to providing any testing services, examiners (both third-party and state) must confirm ELDT training results from CSTIMES to ensure the student/applicant has completed the required training.

Driving Schools Electronic Renewal Project (DSERP)

The SCDMV plans to create a more efficient process for commercial and non-commercial driver training schools to complete their renewals.

More information will be forthcoming on the Driving Schools Electronic Renewal Project (DSERP) in the future.

Truckers Against Trafficking seeks to combat human trafficking

Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT) began in 2009 as a 501c3 non-profit with a mission to educate, equip, empower, and mobilize members of the trucking industry to fight human trafficking as part of their everyday jobs.

The intent was if truckers knew how to recognize and report human trafficking, they would willingly help and could extend the reach and effectiveness of law enforcement in closing loopholes to traffickers and thereby curtail this horrific crime. They could play a significant role in the recovery of victims and the arrest of perpetrators. That mission has now extended to include the bus and energy industry.

TAT created free training materials for truckers and their companies. This includes wallet cards with red flags, things to say and look for and the National Human Trafficking Hotline number; several training videos; training toolkits for safety instructors to use; in-person presentations and training; webinars; podcasts; phone apps; posters; a comprehensive website; a robust social media presence with Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn accounts; and, on the TAT website, a TAT certification program, where truckers can become trained, take an exam and receive a TAT Trained certification, right through their computer.

Over the years, truckers have proven the efficacy of TAT's mission and the effectiveness of the training resources. Thousands of calls from truckers to the National Human Trafficking Hotline have resulted in hundreds of recoveries and

arrests. Law enforcement views truckers as partners in fighting this crime and is motivated to help TAT in reaching every trucking company and trucker in the country with TAT's educational materials. Every state and national trucking organization works with TAT, as well, to ensure the information on the training materials is made available to every trucking entity.

[Visit TAT's website now.](#) Get the training materials you need to train your employees.



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